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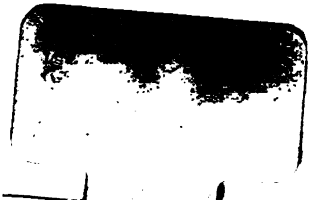

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Preface

This pamphlet has been prepared in response to numerous requests for a brief outline of the geographical changes due to the World War. The literature of the Peace settlement is now quite extensive, but the geographic side, apart from articles in the scientific journals, has been somewhat neglected. The difficulty of acquiring reliable information, concerning the new areas, offers, perhaps, sufficient reason for this neglect. The works of Bowman, Haskins and Lord, Newbigin, and others may be referred to for further geographic and economic details.

The following pages are prepared with special reference to the new Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Wall Maps (see page VII); all the changes mentioned in this pamphlet are shown on these maps. The new boundaries as shown on these new maps were laid down from the original treaties and supplementary agreements. This pamphlet will be found useful in supplementing the school geographies by bringing up to date the unrevised text and by linking up the past and present political conditions where the revised text is now in use.

In the peace settlement, historical, racial, economic, and political conditions played their part. In this outline, obviously, only the briefest reference can be made to some of these facts. The historical, racial, economic, and political backgrounds of Europe are treated with a wealth of detail in the new Harding European History Wall Series (see page V), published by Denoyer-Geppert Company, to which references are made throughout the following pages. Particular interest centers in Map H 23 Europe in 1914; Map H 24 Economic Europe; Map H 25 Peoples of Europe; Map H 26 Northern France, Belgium and the Rhine; Map H 27 Europe in 1920, and Map H 28 Central Europe 1921. A few references are also made to the Breasted Ancient History Wall Series (see page V) and the Hart-Bolton American History Wall Series (see page V), also published by Denoyer-Geppert Company.

Professors Breasted and Huth, Harding, and Hart and Bolton have written separate manuals for their Ancient, European, and American History Maps; the teacher will find these manuals invaluable for detailed study of the historical development of lands referred to in this pamphlet.

It might prove interesting to note here that the changes throughout the world have been so numerous and the maps of Europe, Asia, Africa, Eastern Hemisphere, and World are so changed that it is quite impossible to teach present-day political conditions with pre-war maps. Even the Western Hemisphere map is altered in the Pacific area. The maps of North America and South America remain untouched by the peace settlement, but on these maps the march of the explorer and the development of industry and commerce have made significant changes.

Introduction

THE World War of 1914-18 profoundly changed the political aspect of the World. Opposed to the four nations of the Central Powers were twenty-two Allied and Associated Powers with seven more who had severed diplomatic relations. Only a few nations remained neutral.

Of Europe's four million square miles of territory, seven-eighths was involved in the conflict. In Africa, only 430,000 square miles out of a total area of 11,500,000 square miles, remained neutral. In Asia, about one twenty-fifth of its 17,000,000 square miles was not involved in war. Australia was completely at war. In North America almost all the nations were directly involved, representing four-fifths of its 9,400,000 square miles. In South America, one-half remained neutral. About nine-tenths of the area of the entire world was belligerent in the Great World War. The outcome not only produced great territorial changes but also great political, social and economic changes which will profoundly influence the future development of all nations.

Nations Which Made Peace at Paris

PRINCIPAL ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS

United States	France	Japan
British Empire	Italy	

The above with the following constituted the **Allied and Associated Powers:—**

Armenia	Greece	Panama
Belgium	Guatemala	Peru
Bolivia	Haiti	Poland
Brazil	Hejaz	Portugal
China	Honduras	Rumania
Cuba	Jugo-Slavia	Siam
Czecho-Slovakia	Liberia	Uruguay
Ecuador	Nicaragua	

CENTRAL POWERS

Germany	Bulgaria
*Austria-Hungary	Turkey

*Austria and Hungary are the remnants of the former Austro-Hungarian Empire.

The Peace Treaties

IN January, 1919, representatives of the Allied and Associated Powers met in Paris to consider the terms of peace to be entered into with Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria, and Turkey, also to arrange the status and territorial claims of the new nations which had arisen as the outcome of the war. The following treaties were negotiated:

Treaty of Versailles, June 25, 1919. Signed between the Republic of Germany and the Allies, provided for the cession of German territory to other nations, the loss of all German colonies, the limitation of Germany's army and navy, and for restitution and reparation.

Treaty of St. Germain, September 27, 1919. Signed between the new Republic of Austria and the Allies, fixed the territorial limits of the Republic of Austria, limited the size of its army, regulated its foreign relations and inflicted an indemnity.

Treaty of Neuilly, November 27, 1919. Signed between Bulgaria and the Allies, provided for the cession of Bulgarian territory to other nations and the payment of an indemnity.

Treaty of Trianon, June 4, 1920. Signed between the new Republic of Hungary and the Allies, provided for the international relations of the new state and its territorial limits.

Treaty of Sevres, August 10, 1920. Signed between Turkey and the Allies, provided for the cession of Turkish territory to other nations, the creation of new states within former Turkish territory and the status of the present Turkish Empire in international affairs.

Other major treaties which affected large areas in Europe are:

Treaty of Rapallo, November 10, 1920. Signed between Italy and Jugo-Slavia, provided for the settlement of the disputed territory between these states and the creation of the independent state of Fiume.

Treaty of Riga, March 18, 1921. Signed between Poland and Russia, provided for the determining of the boundary between these states and their diplomatic and commercial relations to each other.

Russia has also concluded treaties affecting territorial questions with Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkey, and the Far Eastern Republic.

Russia has also concluded trade treaties with some of the European nations which, with their provisions for opening of Russian trade with the larger world, provide also, in part, recognition of the new Soviet Government.

The United States did not ratify the Treaties of Versailles, St. Germain, and Trianon. The United States signed the following separate treaties : With Austria, August 24, 1921; with Germany, August 25, 1921; with Hungary, August 29, 1921.

REFERENCES

The new boundaries in Europe as laid down in the Peace Treaties are well shown on Map J2 Europe (1921), edited by William Morris Davis of Harvard University (Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps); also on Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921, in the Harding European History Series.

Plebiscite Areas

THE Peace Conference reaffirmed the principle of nationality and the right of peoples to decide to which states they desired to belong. Certain areas of Europe involved in the peace discussion were not allotted by the Peace Conference but the final choice was left to the inhabitants of these regions to be decided by vote.

The following regions were plebiscite areas:—

1. Schleswig (two zones)
2. East Prussia (part)
3. Upper Silesia
4. Klagenfurt
5. Teschen
6. Orava
7. Spiz.

The three last areas were not voted on, but the frontiers were decided on by the Council of Ambassadors.

The results of the voting on the plebiscite areas were as follows:—

1. Schleswig—one zone to Denmark and the other to Germany.

2. East Prussia—voted to remain part of Germany.

3. Upper Silesia—vote taken; boundary determined by League of Nations.

4. Klagenfurt—voted to become part of Austria.

Saar Basin and the Smyrna district will, after a definite period of years, vote on the question of sovereignty.

REFERENCE

The plebiscite areas and their disposition are shown on Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921, in the Harding European History Series.

Mandatory Territories

SINCE the Allies refused to restore to Germany her colonies there arose the problem of the disposal of these areas. In the great colonial expansion of the European powers practically all of Africa and most of Asia had been brought under European influence. The desire for markets and the exploitation of the natural resources in these areas developed keen international rivalry. Annexation by the successful nations would not remove the friction which has in the past so frequently produced international trouble, even war. At the Peace Conference, the former German colonies, with parts of the Turkish Empire, were assigned to different nations in the form of mandates. The mandates are drawn as treaties of trust which the mandatory power agrees to execute on behalf of the League of Nations. The mandatory powers must report to the League of Nations on their respective mandatory territories annually. The following are the Mandatory Territories.

Africa

TO GREAT BRITAIN	Parts of Togo and Kamerun, most of former German East Africa (now called Tanganyika Territory).
TO UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA	Former German Southwest Africa (now called Southwest Africa).
TO FRANCE	Parts of Togo and Kamerun.
TO BELGIUM	A small part of former German East Africa.

Oceania

TO AUSTRALIA..... Former German New Guinea and adjacent islands.

TO NEW ZEALAND..... Samoa Islands (former German part).

TO BRITISH EMPIRE..... Nauru Island.

TO JAPAN..... All former German possessions north of the equator.

Asia

TO GREAT BRITAIN..... Mesopotamia and Palestine.

TO FRANCE..... Syria.

TO GREECE..... Smyrna.

REFERENCES

The new wall maps, J3 Asia, J4 Africa, J7 Eastern Hemisphere, J8 Western Hemisphere, J9 World, in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps show the mandatory territories as arranged by the Peace Conference.

The Principles Underlying the New Boundaries

AN analysis shows that the territorial changes made by the Peace Conference may be classified as follows:—

(a) Modification of frontier, affirming the principle of nationality; as in case of Schleswig, Rumania, Poland, etc.

(b) Boundary changes determined by strategic and not national considerations; as in case of Italy (Tyrol).

(c) States created out of disrupted states upon a so-called national basis but actually founded on racial lines; as in case of Armenia, Austria, etc.

(d) Areas divided as spoils of war but not actually annexed by the powers. Such areas are the Mandatory Territories

under the guardianship of the various powers who hold the mandates from the League of Nations; as in the case of the former German colonies.

(e) Economic conditions also were significant factors in determining boundaries, the possession of coal and iron being especially a determining factor. The Saar Basin, Alsace-Lorraine and Upper Silesia are instances.

The difficulties in applying these principles in the remaking of Europe were tremendous. Considering the conflicting demands of the combatants, the claims of de facto governments seeking recognition, the economic exhaustion of most of the nations, and antagonisms not yet stilled, the final peace, while not perfect, is in many respects a compromise which will make for a permanent basis of peace amongst the nations. A study of the territorial settlements outlined in these pages shows that the new boundaries of Europe, while in many cases still arbitrary and indefensible, agree in the main with the national aspirations of racial groups.

For a proper understanding of the terms of the peace treaties it should be borne in mind that the final peace terms were largely conditioned by agreements made between the Allies during the war. The Central Powers, too, had their "secret treaties," but their interest now is purely academic. The adherence of Italy to the Allied cause was obtained by the now famous Treaty of London of April 26th, 1915, by which treaty Italy was to obtain the Trentino, Southern Tyrol, Istria, part of the Dalmatian Coast, Avlona, a protectorate over Albania, the Dodecanese (Sporades) in the Aegean, part of Asia Minor, and compensation in Africa.

Greece, in November 1914 and again in the winter of 1915, was offered Southern Albania and territory in Asia Minor, also Cyprus, in return for her aid. Greece did not then accept, but later she joined the Allies and as the peace settlement shows, she obtained the larger part of the earlier promises. In March, 1915, Britain and France agreed that Russia should annex Constantinople and the Straits. Russia in return acknowledged British interests predominant in Persia and other spheres.

In the spring of 1916, Britain, France, and Russia arranged the Near East according to their particular claims. Later the question of territorial readjustment in Central Europe was arranged. In August 1916 Rumania, anxious to extend her power over "Rumania Irredenta," was promised Bukovina and Transylvania in exchange for her aid.

Japan entered the war with a very definite understanding regarding her position in the Far East. The Russian Revolution led to a revision of the Asia Minor agreement and incidentally many of these secret arrangements were made public by the Soviet power for the first time. The British arranged for an independent Pan Arabic State.

When the Peace Conference met, many of the causes which led to some of these secret arrangements no longer existed, and others had changed. These agreements, some of which violated the principle of nationality, can only be defended on the ground of expediency and that the aid of these allies was worth the somewhat harsh terms. A consideration of the actual peace settlement will show how far the agreements have been adhered to.

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Map H23 Europe 1914, Map H24 Economic Europe, Map H25 Peoples of Europe, Map H26 Northern France, Belgium and the Rhine, and Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921, all in the Harding European History Series, will be found useful in understanding some of the causes of the World War, and also illustrate the principles underlying the territorial changes.

The League of Nations

AT the forefront of all the treaties entered into between the Allies and the Central Powers is the Covenant of the League of Nations. This is the first comprehensive attempt to combine all of the nations of the world into a league to preserve world peace and provide for matters of international concern. By the Covenant of the League of Nations subscribed to by the nations listed below, the League of Nations receives an annual report from the mandatory powers. The League will endeavor to seek humane labor conditions throughout the world; the just treatment of natives in mandatory territories; the regulation of the opium traffic; the regulation of trade in arms; the maintenance of freedom of communications, and the prevention and control of disease. The League has formulated plans for the institution of a Permanent Court of International Justice. Disarmament is also one of the aims of the League. The regulation of international finance and uniformity of international statistics are being considered by the League. By the terms of the Covenant, all members of the League are required to register every treaty or international agreement entered into by them; no treaty shall be binding unless so registered. This arrangement marks a notable

step in open diplomacy. The League also undertakes to settle disputes between its members. Already the League has considered several territorial disputes. The League of Nations controls the Free City of Danzig, and the Saar Basin, and overseas mandated territories containing about 13,000,000 backward peoples.

State Members Mentioned in the Covenant

Argentina	*Greece	Paraguay
*Australia	*Guatemala	Persia
*Belgium	*Haiti	*Peru
*Bolivia	*Honduras	*Poland
*Brazil	*India	*Portugal
*Canada	*Italy	*Rumania
Chile	*Japan	Salvador
*China	*Jugo-Slavia	*Siam
Colombia	*Liberia	Spain
*Cuba	Netherlands	*South Africa
*Czecho-Slovakia	*New Zealand	Sweden
Denmark	*Nicaragua	Switzerland
*France	Norway	*Uruguay
*Great Britain	*Panama	Venezuela

*Members by signing the Treaty.
All others members by invitation.

State Members Later Admitted

Albania	Costa Rica	Latvia
Austria	Esthonia	Lithuania
Bulgaria	Finland	Luxemburg

States Applying for Membership

Armenia	Hungary	Monaco
Azerbaijan	Iceland	San Marino
*Georgia	Liechtenstein	Ukraine

*Admitted to the technical organizations of the League.

States Not Members of the League

Abyssinia	Germany	Dominican Republic
Afghanistan	Mexico	
Andorra	Morocco	Turkey
*Arabia (Hejaz)	Nepal	*United States
Bhutan	Oman	
*Ecuador	Russia	

*Entitled to original membership under the Covenant.

The New Europe

IN 1914 there were in Europe twenty-six sovereign nations, large and small. In January, 1921, there were not less than thirty-four sovereign states. In Europe proper, ten have been created as a result of the war. In the adjoining regions of Asia, in areas politically controlled by Europe, three other sovereign states have arisen besides various mandates in Asia Minor and Arabia.

In the following summary it should be noted that of the states existing in 1914 only twelve have remained unchanged in area.

Countries Unchanged in Area 1914-1921

	Form of Government	Square Miles	Population
Albania	Republic	11,000	524,000
Andorra	Republic	191	5,000
British Isles	Kingdom	121,633	46,174,000
Liechtenstein	Principality	65	10,700
Luxemburg	Grand Duchy	999	263,000
Monaco	Principality	8	22,900
Netherlands	Kingdom	12,582	6,841,000
Portugal	Republic	35,490	5,957,000
San Marino	Republic	38	12,000
Spain	Kingdom	194,783	20,783,000
Sweden	Kingdom	173,035	5,847,000
Switzerland	Republic	15,976	3,861,000

Countries Which Have Gained in Area Since 1914

	Form of Government	—Square Miles— 1914	1921	—Population— 1914	1921
Belgium	Kingdom	11,373	11,757	7,500,000	7,600,000
Denmark	Kingdom	15,582	16,566	2,940,000	3,268,000
France	Republic	207,054	212,662	39,061,000	41,475,000
Greece	Kingdom	41,931	65,490	4,821,000	7,000,000
Italy	Kingdom	110,632	117,982	36,120,000	39,500,000
Norway	Kingdom	125,000	150,000	2,400,000	2,691,000
Rumania	Kingdom	53,489	122,282	7,500,000	17,393,000

Countries Which Have Lost in Area Since 1914

	Form of Government	—Square Miles— 1914	1921	—Population— 1914	1921
Bulgaria	Kingdom	47,750	40,730	4,800,000	4,300,000
Germany	Republic	203,178	175,709 (est.)	64,925,000	58,000,000 (est.)
Russia	Soviet Rep.	1,867,700	1,301,400	137,420,000	62,000,000
Turkey	Sultanate	613,724	174,900	21,000,000	8,000,000

New Nations Since 1914

	Form of Government	Square Miles	Population
Austria	Republic	30,700	6,139,000
Czecho-Slovakia	Republic	43,500	13,600,000
Esthonia	Republic	23,160	1,750,000
Finland	Republic	133,000	3,300,000
Fiume	Republic	8	49,000
Hungary	Kingdom	35,164	8,481,000
Iceland	Kingdom	39,709	91,000
Jugo-Slavia	Kingdom	95,628	11,337,000
Latvia	Republic	24,400	1,503,000
Lithuania	Republic	36,500	4,657,000
Poland	Republic	149,000	29,840,000
Ukraine	Republic	300,000	40,000,000
Georgia	Republic	40,000	3,176,000
Azerbaijan	Republic	30,000	4,615,000
Armenia	Republic	60,000	3,000,000

Jugo-Slavia is the enlarged Serbia. Austria-Hungary is the only political unit which has completely disappeared from the map of Europe though it may still be recognized in the small states of Austria and Hungary. Iceland was formerly a part of Denmark. Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia are properly in Asia.

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Pre-war Europe is shown on Map H23 Europe 1914, in the Harding European History Series. The new Europe is shown on Map J2 Europe, edited by William Morris Davis of Harvard University (Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps).

Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921, in the Harding European History Series shows on a large scale the new states of Central Europe, and the territorial changes made by the numerous peace treaties. The pre-war boundaries are also shown. The showing of pre-war and after the war boundaries on this map should prove of extreme value to the teacher and student of history and geography.

Germany

BY the Treaty of Versailles, 1919, Germany lost a large area of her homeland and all of her colonial possessions. The following tables summarize her losses:

TERRITORY CEDED TO

	Square Miles
France	5,608
Denmark	984
Poland	18,024
Belgium	384
Czecho-Slovakia	100
TERRITORY UNDER LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Danzig	729
TERRITORY UNDER LEAGUE OF NATIONS. Saar Basin	730
PRINCIPAL ALLIED AND ASSOCIATED POWERS. Memel	910
Total	27,469

Area of Germany, 1914	203,178
Area of Germany, 1921 (est.)	175,709
Population of Germany, 1914	64,925,000
Population of Germany, 1921 (est.)	58,000,000

GERMANY'S LOST COLONIAL EMPIRE

Africa

		Square Miles
TO BRITISH EMPIRE	German East Africa	364,900
	German S. W. Africa	322,000
	Togo, part of	12,500
	Kamerun, part of	33,000
	Total	732,400
TO FRANCE	Kamerun, part of	265,000
	Togo, part of	21,200
	Total	286,200
TO BELGIUM	German East Africa (part of)	19,000
TO PORTUGAL	Kionga "Triangle"	100
	Total in Africa	1,037,700

Asia

		Square Miles
TO JAPAN	Kiaochow	200

Oceania

TO BRITISH EMPIRE	New Guinea	70,000
	Island Groups (Bismarck Archipelago, Solomon Islands, Samoa Islands, Nauru Island)	21,038
TO JAPAN	Caroline Islands, Marshall Islands, Mariana Islands, Pelew Islands	960
	Total in Oceania	91,998

Grand total of Germany's former colonies, 1,129,898 square miles.

Germany's greatest territorial loss is on her eastern frontier. East Prussia is now separated from Germany proper by a broad strip of Polish territory which was ceded to Poland because of ethnic and economic considerations. Germany has been granted free communication with East Prussia, across this strip of Polish territory.

By the terms of the Peace Treaty, Germany has had her army and navy restricted, fortifications destroyed in certain areas, and a large indemnity inflicted. Germany has also lost territory which contained some of her most valuable agricultural, mineral and industrial resources. The lost territories of Schleswig, Alsace-Lorraine, and territory lost to Poland contained 12% of her population.

In Alsace-Lorraine, Germany has lost valuable deposits of iron, coal and potash. In 1913 the iron mines of Lorraine (German) produced 75% of the iron ore output of Germany, and the resources of this field constituted 47% of Germany's total. The loss of this important iron ore area makes Germany now dependent on foreign supplies for the maintenance of her supremacy in iron manufacture. Germany now has 11% of Europe's iron ore reserves and France 35%. The coal deposits of the Saar Basin are ceded to France. Before the war this field produced 9% of Germany's total coal output and held 22% of her total coal reserves.

Before the war Germany had a monopoly of the world's output of potash (about 95%). The valuable deposits in Lorraine are now in the possession of France. Germany, however, has deposits in other areas of the republic.

Besides the loss of these important resources, Germany's industrial loss includes the textiles of Alsace, the cotton mills of which ranked foremost in the Empire, and the iron manufactures of Lorraine. With Alsace-Lorraine, Germany was able to build up her industrial and military power; with its loss Germany will be helpless for aggression and her industrial development depends upon the cultivation of friendly economic relations with France. The economic resources of the territory ceded to Poland and Denmark are mainly agricultural. The important cities of Strasbourg, Metz, and Posen are included in the lost territory.

The Treaty of Versailles took from Germany 12% (est.) of her population, 6% of her coal output, 75% of her iron ore, 20% of her potash and an appreciable percentage of her agricultural resources. Germany also lost all of her colonies, thus making her dependent on other nations in the years to come for raw materials from these tropical regions.

The territorial division of the Upper Silesia Plebiscite area was determined by the League of Nations in October, 1921. Germany retains almost three-fourths of the area, but has lost to Poland a large part of the highly mineralized area. This area has both agricultural and mineral wealth. Before the war, more than one-fifth of the coal production of Germany came from this field. The zinc deposits of Silesia are the richest in Europe, making Germany, in 1913, the second greatest producer in the world. Practically the entire zinc industry of Upper Silesia has now passed to Poland.

International Waterways. By the terms of the Peace Treaty certain navigable rivers that could be used by various nations were declared open and free. The freedom of navigation of the Rhine has been re-established, and as France now borders the Rhine the German hold on the Rhine has been lost. The Elbe, with the Moldau, is internationalized to Prague, thus giving Czecho-Slovakia access through Germany to the sea. The Oder, and Nieman are also declared open and free, giving Poland access to the Baltic. The Danube below Ulm (in Germany) is also

internationalized. The commerce of Southern Germany, Austria, Czecho-Slovakia, Hungary, and Jugo-Slavia will use the Danube. The Kiel Canal is made free to shipping of all nations. The opening of these important waterways gives the interior countries of Europe an opportunity to develop commerce with the outside world.

Germany's Lost Colonies. German state colonization began in 1884 when Togo and Kamerun in Africa were acquired. With the loss of all colonial possessions Germany's dream of a world empire vanishes. When the war began in 1914 Germany was slowly building up a tremendous influence in the Near East, with the Berlin to Bagdad Plan as its main motive. In Africa she had constructed an empire of over 1,000,000 square miles, five times the area of Germany in Europe. In China she possessed one of the finest harbors in the Far East, and throughout the Pacific she had established colonies of great economic and strategic importance. The German colonies, though rich in agricultural, forest, and mineral resources, remained very much undeveloped; but had Germany retained possession of her colonies they would, in time, have become important sources of raw materials for the needs of her industries.

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The historical development of Modern Germany is well illustrated on Map H20 German Empire, in the Harding European History Series. German colonial expansion is shown on Map H22 The World, 1914. The industrial and economic growth of Germany is shown on Map H20 German Empire. This map also illustrates some of the economic problems which determined the territorial changes made by the Peace Conference.

The ethnic factors which partly determined the new eastern boundary of Germany are shown on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. The new German Republic is shown on Map J2 Europe, in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps. Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921, in the Harding European History Series shows on a large scale the new Germany as outlined by the Treaty of Versailles.

The important territorial and economic losses of Germany on her western border are shown on Map H26 Northern France, Belgium, and the Rhine, 1914-1919, in the Harding European History Series.

France

TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS, 1919

		Square Miles
IN EUROPE.....	Alsace-Lorraine	5,608
	Saar Basin (coal only)	
IN AFRICA	Kamerun	265,000
	Togo	21,200
IN ASIA	Syria	120,000
	Total	411,808

THE Treaty of Versailles 1919, Part 3, states that "The territories which were ceded to Germany in accordance with the Preliminaries of Peace signed at Versailles on February 26, 1871, and the Treaty of Frankfort of May 10, 1871, are restored to French sovereignty as from the date of the Armistice of November 11, 1918." In these words Alsace-Lorraine was reunited to France. By the addition of Alsace-Lorraine, France becomes the second largest country in Europe.

Alsace-Lorraine was for a long period part of France up to 1871 when Germany took the province as part of the price of peace. The return of Alsace-Lorraine, an area equal to the combined area of Rhode Island and Connecticut, has more than a moral significance to that nation. The new boundary gives France a good strategic frontier, possessing undoubted advantage for offense and defense. The economic loss to Germany entailed through the loss of that territory has already been mentiond.

The value of Alsace-Lorraine consists not only in the soil, producing large crops of grapes, wheat and other products, but also in its mineral resources. The iron ore of Lorraine, the potash and petroleum of Alsace, are welcome additions to the not over-plentiful mineral resources of France. When Alsace-Lorraine became part of the German Empire in 1871 the great potential value of the Lorraine iron field had not been realized. Bismarck and his advisers believed that the commercial ore bodies in this region were limited to the outcrops and so fixed the boundary to include the areas where ore had been mined. By ignorance of the geologic conditions the larger part of the Lorraine iron field was left to France. German dependence on the

iron of Lorraine before the war is illustrated by the fact that 75% of her total output came from Lorraine (German). The Lorraine iron district, formerly extending on both sides of the Franco-German frontier and now entirely within France (except for a small extension into Luxemburg), is the largest iron field in Europe. Its output in 1913 was 48% of Europe's total output.

Before 1871 iron ore of the minette type, then thought to be of little value, was mined in the areas of Meurthe and Moselle in France. France was allowed to retain these "useless" deposits but later when a process was invented to utilize these minette ores efficiently, these ore deposits added greatly to the production of iron ore in France. In 1884 iron ores were discovered underlying the plateau of Briey on the French side of the frontier. The French Lorraine field contains greater iron ore reserves than the former German Lorraine field.

Germany realized in later years the significance of the French iron ore fields, and early in the war, Germany seized control of all the Lorraine fields. Germany, also, had seized by her invasion of Belgium all the coal fields of northern France. France, therefore, early in the war, suffered the loss of vital economic resources.

IRON ORE PRODUCTION IN EUROPE 1913

	Tons
German Empire (total)	28,600,000
German Lorraine	21,000,000
France	21,900,000
Luxemburg	7,300,000
Rest of Europe	29,100,000

On the basis of the production of 1913, Germany's production of iron ore, with the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, would now be about 7,000,000 tons, while that of France would increase to 42,000,000 tons.

The Treaty of Versailles has left Germany with only 11% of the iron resources of Europe while France owns 35%.

During the war France suffered damage to the extent of 74% of her coal and mineral production. To compensate her for this loss, the Treaty of Versailles ceded to France the coal field (only) of the Saar Basin in Rhineland (Germany). France also obtains an additional supply of coal in the annexed Lorraine, which in 1913 produced 3,795,000 tons of coal. The great need of France, however, is a larger supply of coking coal; the new supplies do not yield any coking coal. Because of the lack

of coking coal, France, before 1913, exported a considerable part of the iron ore output of French Lorraine to Germany. In 1913 France controlled but 1.7% of the coal reserves of Europe as compared with 38% held by Germany. France now controls 8% while Germany now controls 32% of the coal reserves of Europe.

Germany still maintains her superiority in coal reserves, but her iron reserves have suffered serious curtailment. France on the other hand has now enormous iron reserves, but even with recent additions is short of coal, especially coking coal. Germany's need for the iron ore of France and the need by France for the coking coal of Germany is one of the many reasons why an early resumption of normal trade relations between France and Germany is to be looked for.

Next in value of the minerals in the ceded territory is the potash of Mulhausen (Alsace), one of the few known deposits in the world. This field is very recent, being first opened up in 1911. These deposits were never wholly developed by Germany as she had other mines in the Empire. Before the war, Germany had a world monopoly on potash.

Less valuable are the petroleum deposits north of Strasbourg (Alsace). The annual production in 1918 was over 700,000 barrels, and as France possesses only a very limited supply of oil shale, the addition of this product is valuable and opportune as oil is coming to be more and more important as a fuel for motive power. When Germany discovered the tremendous potentialities of the mineral wealth of Alsace-Lorraine, she proceeded with characteristic energy to develop this area. Alsace-Lorraine became one of the important industrial regions of Germany. The development of iron manufacturing centers followed logically and in 1913 Alsace-Lorraine produced 3,869,000 tons of iron and 2,286,000 tons of steel. Alsace also developed textile centers, the cotton mills of which ranked foremost in Germany.

Strasbourg (pop. 178,890), an important port on the Rhine, Mulhausen (pop. 95,041), Metz (pop. 68,598), and Colmar (pop. 43,000) are among the industrial centers in this new French territory. The extension of the French frontier makes the Rhine a French river. The freedom of the Rhine to the shipping of the world was stipulated in the Treaty of Versailles. Kehl, a new port on the Rhine in Baden, has by the treaty become attached to Strasbourg for a term of years. Alsace-Lorraine has a population of 1,874,000. The majority, 1,634,000 are German

speaking, while only 240,000 are French. The re-accession of Alsace-Lorraine to France, with its great mineral wealth and extensive industries, will add greatly to the economic strength of France.

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The historical and economic significance of the re-accession of Alsace-Lorraine to France is well illustrated on the following maps in the Harding European History Series: Map H20 Modern Germany, Map H23 Europe in 1914, Map H24 Economic Europe, Map H26 Northern France, Belgium and the Rhine 1914-1919, Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921.

Map J2 Europe, in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps, shows the new France.

Colonial France before 1914 is shown on Map H22 The World 1914 (Harding European History Series). Colonial France with its new accessions of former German colonies is shown on Map J4 Africa and Map J9 World, in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps.

Luxemburg

BY the Treaty of Versailles, Germany has renounced her various treaties with Luxemburg, which also ceases to be a member of the German Customs Union (Zollverein). Luxemburg is now under the protection of Belgium.

German interests in Luxemburg, before 1914, were dominant. She absorbed most of the iron ore production of Luxemburg which amounted to 7,300,000 tons in 1913 and also controlled most of the smelters.

Belgium

TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS 1919

		Square Miles
IN EUROPE	Moresnet, Eupen and Malmedy	384
IN AFRICA	Additions to Belgian Kongo	19,000
	Total	19,384

GERMANY ceded to Belgium, by the Peace Treaty, three small frontier areas: Moresnet, Eupen, and Malmedy. This area has no great significance, although the rectification of the frontier makes it more in accord with the natural boundary

between Belgium and Germany. The cessions were made chiefly on historical and commercial grounds. Under the Treaty of Versailles the special neutral status of Belgium is abrogated.

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The new territorial additions to Belgium are shown on Map H26 Northern France, Belgium, and the Rhine 1914-1919, and on Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921, in the Harding European History Series.

Territories Under the League of Nations

TWO territories: the Free City of Danzig, and the Saar Basin, formerly parts of Germany, were by the Treaty of Versailles put under the protection of the League of Nations.

Free City of Danzig. Danzig constituted for a time during the peace settlement one of the problem areas of Europe. Formerly a German city, it is an important port, with a large trade in grain, sugar and lumber, and is the only outlet for the Vistula basin and surrounding territory. Poland laid claim to this port as essential to her commercial development. The population of Danzig, however, is 97% German and only 3% Polish. To safeguard the rights of the majority, and the commerce of Poland, Danzig was made a Free City under the League of Nations and included in the Polish Customs Union. Area, 729 square miles, population 351,380. Danzig has now much the same status that it had for more than three hundred years,—1454 to 1793, when it was practically a free republic.

Saar Basin. Saar Basin lies to the north of Lorraine in the valley of the Saar, a tributary of the Moselle. Germany ceded to France full ownership of the coal mines of the Saar Basin, as compensation for the destruction of coal mines in northern France during the war. The territory is under the protection of the League of Nations, but after 15 years from the signing of the treaty, a plebiscite will be taken to determine its sovereignty.

The Saar Basin produced 17,000,000 tons of coal in 1913 and was the second most important coal field in Germany, holding in coal reserves almost 22% of the reserves of the Empire. The coal of this area is suitable only for general purposes and not for smelting. The area of Saar Basin is 730 square miles, with a population, mainly German, of 640,000. Saarbrucken is the chief town.

Territory Controlled by the Principal Allied and Associated Powers

Memel with an adjoining area north of the Niemen River, forming the extreme tip of East Prussia, was taken from Germany and put under the control of the Allied Powers, who will later decide as to its disposal. Memel is the port for the trade of Lithuania, and eventually may be included in Lithuania. Area of zone 910 square miles; population 145,000.

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The history of Danzig may be traced on Map H12 Europe 1648, Map H13 Europe 1740, Map H20 German Empire, and Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921.

The economic importance of the Saar Basin is clearly shown on Map H20 German Empire, Map H24 Economic Europe, and Map H26 Northern France, Belgium and the Rhine.

The geographical and economic significance of Memel is shown on Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921.

All these maps are in the Harding European History Series.

Poland

POLAND'S right to separate existence was early recognized in the World War. Under the stress of war, Germany and Russia both offered autonomy to the Poles. Poland's problem is rooted in its geography. Lying in the basin of the Vistula, it has no natural frontiers except on the south where the Carpathians separate it from Czecho-Slovakia. The location of Poland on the North European plain at the crossroads of great commercial highways running east and west from Russia to Germany, and from the Baltic to the Black Sea and the Mediterranean, has made it an important distributing center and a highway for transit trade. Its lack of natural frontiers; its location at the meeting point of Scandinavian, Germanic, Slavic, and for a period the Asiatic, races, has made its history very checkered, culminating in the Partitions of 1772, 1793, and 1795.

The Poles form a fairly compact mass in the basin of the Vistula; in former Russian Poland they comprised 74% of the population. Toward the fringes of this mass in German Poland the Poles formed 33% of the population; in Austrian Poland, 41%. On the east the Poles thinned off into Ukraine, Lithuania, and White Russia. For several hundred years Poland was a

kingdom in central Europe, covering before its partition in 1772 an area of 274,000 square miles. The state was absorbed by Russia, Prussia and Austria. In 1914 the area generally known as Poland was divided as follows:

	Square Miles	Population
Russian Poland	49,150	11,500,000
German Poland	22,500	4,000,000
Austrian Poland	11,000	5,000,000

The new republic of Poland covers a much larger area than the above and yet is only slightly over one-half the size of the former kingdom before 1772. The area of Poland (1921) is 149,000 square miles, with a population estimated at 24,272,000. Poland is equal in area to North and South Dakota.

The reconstruction of Poland offered serious racial, economic, and social problems to the Peace Conference. The Peace Conference determined the boundaries of new Poland on the west and south, but owing to the unsettled and difficult racial situation on the east a decision was left pending. The Poles in seeking an enlarged Poland on the east, in justification of an ethnographic frontier, came into conflict with Soviet Russia. After months of war, a final peace was ratified in March, 1921, which fixed the boundary between Poland and Russia.

In certain areas the ethnic and economic problems were so difficult of solution that in order to arrive at a decision consistent with the wishes and economic needs of the population, a plebiscite was decided upon by the Peace Conference. Part of East Prussia was constituted a plebiscite area; the Germans gained a majority and the new boundary has been laid down on the results of the vote. Upper Silesia, where the boundaries of Germany, Poland, and Czecho-Slovakia meet, has constituted a problem area in the boundary settlement. Here the population is hopelessly mixed; the problem is rendered complex by its great deposits of iron ore, coal, lead, and zinc, which would be of great economic value to the nation possessing the region. The vote was taken on March, 1921, resulting in a German majority of the total votes, but a Polish majority in certain communes. The Supreme Council of the Allies referred the boundary settlement to the League of Nations. By the decision of the League of Nations, October, 1921, Germany retains almost three-fourths of the area, while Poland receives the remaining south-eastern section, containing the major part of the coal and iron resources of Upper Silesia. In 1913 the coal fields of Upper Silesia produced 43,000,000 tons of coal, more than one-fifth of the total output of Germany.

By the terms of the Allied promise to Poland that she should be granted "a free and secure access to the sea," and also on ethnic grounds, a strip of German territory, acting as a *corridor* to the Baltic, was given to Poland. This Polish *corridor* divides East Prussia from Germany proper. There is no natural harbor, however, on the strip of coast now owned by Poland. As the Vistula is now essentially a Polish river, and as Danzig is the port for the Vistula basin and a large part of the interior, Poland sought to acquire Danzig, but the Peace Conference made Danzig a Free City. Eastern Galicia, which produces 5% of the oil output of the world, is now administered by Poland.

Poland is essentially an agricultural country, producing rye, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, and sugar beets. In recent years the rich iron and coal regions to the west of Krakow and bordering on Upper Silesia, where a plebiscite was taken to determine the boundary in this region, have undergone great development. Manufacturing is highly developed in centers formerly in Russian Poland. Lodz (pop. 429,000) is the textile center; Czentochowa (pop. 101,000) and vicinity is the chief mining and metallurgical region; while Warsaw (pop. 980,000), the capital, has varied manufactures. Krakow (pop. 176,000), is in a district rich in coal and zinc; near Krakow are the salt mines of Wielicka, among the most famous in the world. Vilna (pop. 205,000), an important city on the Polish-Lithuanian border, is now in dispute between Poland and Lithuania. The dispute is now being considered by the League of Nations.

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The history of Poland as a separate kingdom is shown on Map H4 Crusades, Map H7 Europe 1360, Map H9 Charles V 1519, Map H12 Europe 1648, Map H13 Europe 1740, which shows the partition of Poland.

The economic development of Poland is shown on Map H8 Medieval Commerce, Map H20 German Empire, and Map H24 Economic Europe. The racial distribution of the Poles is shown on Map H25 Peoples of Europe; the distribution of the Poles should be noted on this map, in justification of the Polish *corridor* to the sea.

The new Poland as defined by the various treaties is illustrated on Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921. All these maps are in the Harding European History Series. Map J2 Europe in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps shows Poland as defined by the most recent treaties.

The Break-Up of Austria-Hungary

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY in 1914 was the second largest state in Europe, with an area of 261,000 square miles and a population of 51,000,000. Austria-Hungary was not a national unit. Its main feature from the standpoint of human geography was its heterogeneous population of Czechs, Poles, Slavs, Croats, Slovenes, Italians, Rumanians, ruled by the two dominant races, Germans and Magyars. Its boundaries were not natural but political. When once the military aristocracy which bound together its ill-assorted political elements had been shattered, nothing could prevent the partition into units that were more compatible with geography and race.

As a result of the World War this polygot monarchy was dissolved and its territories divided as follows:

	Square Miles	Population
Austria	30,700	6,139,000
Hungary	35,164	7,800,000
Czecho-Slovakia	43,500	13,600,000

The remainder, 151,000 square miles, was divided between Poland, Italy, Jugo-Slavia, Rumania, and Fiume.

The rich coal and iron deposits in Bohemia and Moravia have gone to Czecho-Slovakia; the petroleum wells of Galicia to Poland; the Trentino and Trieste to Italy; Rumania acquires rich agricultural and mineral wealth in Transylvania; and Fiume becomes independent. Austria has been reconstituted, but as a mere fragment of the former province, and deprived of most of its economic wealth. Hungary also suffered; its area was reduced to almost one-fourth of its former size and much of its economic wealth passed to neighboring nations. Both are now interior countries, with only an outlet to the sea by the Danube.

Austria

BEFORE the war the province of Austria was 116,000 square miles, almost half that of the whole Empire, and had a population of 28,500,000. The new republic of Austria is only 30,700 square miles in area, a little larger than South Carolina, with a population of 6,139,000. The new state is limited to the western part of the old province and is largely mountainous. Formerly a partner in one of the Great Powers of Europe, Austria is now reduced to less than a fourth rate power.

Economically, Austria has suffered severe losses, retaining but a mere fragment of her former mineral wealth. For sometime Austria will not be able to support herself economically, certain essential raw materials not being immediately available in her territory. Her present supplies of coal, iron and salt may, however, prove ample under organized conditions. She retains large forest areas and great water-power resources. Agriculture is one of the chief occupations in the new state.

Austria is now shut off from the sea, her former port of Trieste having passed to Italy. The Treaty, however, guarantees her access by rail to the Adriatic. The Danube has been internationalized and by this river her commerce may reach the outer world.

Vienna (pop. 1,842,000) the capital, and formerly the capital of Austria-Hungary, is now eccentrically placed on the east of the new state. Developed as a capital of a highly centralized state which no longer exists, and possessing institutions no longer necessary for such a small state, Vienna seems doomed to a comparative state of decay unless action is taken to safeguard its former supremacy in culture and manufactures. Almost one-third of the population of the new state is located in Vienna. Graz (pop. 157,000), Linz (pop. 93,000) and Innsbruck (pop. 55,000) are industrial centers. Unlike the former polyglot nature of the province, the population of the new state is homogeneous, being almost entirely German.

The loss of much of her richest territory has produced an economic crisis in her history. To tide over the present economic difficulties the League of Nations has practically assumed control of the government of Austria, with the approval of the new state. Austria has desired to unite with Germany but the Peace Treaty bars such a union.

Hungary

IN the old Austria-Hungary, the province of Hungary had an area of 125,000 square miles with a population of 20,886,000. The new republic of Hungary covers 35,164 square miles with a population of 8,481,000; and is located entirely within the area of old Hungary, the new boundaries not touching the old at any point. In the former province, as was typical of all the Empire, the population was very mixed, consisting of Magyars, Germans, Slovaks, Rumanians, Ruthenians, Croats, and Serbians. Following the principle of nationality, as in the case of Austria, the Peace Conference delimited Hungary so that the new state is almost entirely Magyar in race.

Formerly, Hungary in its geographical aspect had lowland, upland and mountainous areas. Now it is almost entirely confined to the lowlands of the Danube, Theiss and tributaries. Hungary retains, however, large areas of valuable agricultural land, producing rye, barley, wheat and other crops. Stock raising is also important. The loss of Transylvania has reduced very materially the mineral wealth of Hungary: the rich mines of silver, cobalt, nickel, zinc and lead are now mainly within territory ceded to Rumania. Hungary has also lost the rich iron ore of the north, now in Czecho-Slovakia, though some iron is mined in territory still retained. Coal is mined in the east part of Hungary in the Danube valley. Vast areas of forest in the Carpathian region were lost to Rumania. Hungary retains only 17% of her former forest wealth. Hungary has lost over 50% of her agricultural production, and 60% of her industrial capacity. Great as this loss is, Hungary has suffered less by the Peace Settlement than her former partner, Austria.

Budapest (pop. 1,184,000) the capital, is well situated in the new state. Other cities of importance are Szegedin (pop. 118,000) and Debreczen (pop. 92,000). Hungary has lost many cities of great industrial importance.

Hungary is now an interior country, having lost her coast area to Jugo-Slavia; the port of Fiume is now independent. The Danube, internationalized by the Peace Treaty, is now the chief outlet for her foreign commerce.

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The development of Austria-Hungary is shown on Map H16 Europe 1815, Map H21 Balkan States, and Map H23 Europe 1914. The break-up of Austria-Hungary and the formation of new states is shown on Map H27 Europe 1920, and Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921; also on Map J2 Europe (in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps).

The economic position of Austria and Hungary before the war and at the present time is illustrated on Map H24 Economic Europe.

The racial complexities of the old Austria-Hungary and the relation of ethnic groups to the new states is illustrated on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. All the foregoing maps, except Map J2, are in the Harding European History Series.

Czecho-Slovakia

THIS new nation proclaimed its independence from Austria-Hungary about a month before the end of the World War. The name of the new nation is derived from the fact that seven million Czechs and three million Slovaks make up this nation. Both are branches of the Slavic race. Czecho-Slovakia comprises the old provinces of Bohemia, Moravia, Slovakia, and Silesia of Austria-Hungary. The area is 43,500 square miles, population 13,600,000; the new state is about the size of Pennsylvania. Eastern Ruthenia, in the extreme east, is an autonomous state under Czecho-Slovakia.

Czecho-Slovakia received the richest, most densely populated and chief industrial areas of the former province of Austria. It contains large deposits of coal and iron ore; gold, silver, graphite and high grade clays are also found. Bohemia is one of the great industrial regions of Europe, manufacturing steel, machinery, textiles, glass, porcelain and beer. Bohemia and Moravia are very fertile, producing sugarbeets, wheat and other crops. The nation is highly developed educationally, and industrial development has reached a high point.

The possession of Teschen was an important question to both Czecho-Slovakia and Poland. Situated on the southern extension of the Silesia coal field it was the only source of supply of coking coal for both of these states. By an award of the Council of Ambassadors the principal part of the coal mines will go to Czecho-Slovakia. Poland, however, is guaranteed a certain part of the output.

Prague (pop. 616,000) on the Moldau, is the capital. It is a center of trade and manufactures. Brunn (pop. 201,000) and Pilsen (pop. 81,000) are industrial centers.

In determining the new boundaries of Czecho-Slovakia the Peace Conference attempted to follow as far as compatible with economic and physiographic factors, the accepted principle of nationality. In the new state there is, however, a considerable German and Magyar element, which before the war was estimated to be 35% of the total population.

Czecho-Slovakia is an interior country and lies in the basins of the Elbe, Oder and Danube. These three rivers are now internationalized and by means of these the commerce of Czecho-Slovakia reaches the Baltic and Black Sea. Port privileges are guaranteed Czecho-Slovakia at Hamburg and Stettin. Pressburg, formerly in Hungary, is the port of Czecho-Slovakia on the Danube.

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Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921, shows the formation of Czecho-Slovakia out of Mid-European states.

The economic and industrial development of Czecho-Slovakia is shown on Map H20 Modern Germany, and Map H24 Economic Europe.

The ethnic composition of the new state is illustrated on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. All these maps are in the Harding European History Series. Map J2 Europe (1921) in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps shows Czecho-Slovakia in relation to the new states of Europe.

Italy

TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS 1919

		Square Miles
CEDED BY AUSTRIA-HUNGARY	Trentino, Istria and Islands in Adriatic	7,350

ADDITIONS TO COLONIES

Ceded by Great Britain in Africa	92,100
Ceded by France in Africa	65,000
Rhodes (occupied by Italy)	550
Total	165,000

BEYOND Italy's northeastern frontier, in Austrian territory, were areas of Italian speaking population, principally located in the Trentino in the Alps, and around Trieste at the head of the Adriatic. This region was the "Italia Irredenta" of the Italians. To regain this area was one of the aims of Italy in the World War, which was successfully realized. Apart from racial ties the possession of the Trentino by Italy has made her northern frontier more easily protected. The present reduced condition of Austria, however, has reduced the strategic value of this new boundary, it having been drawn north of the Italian area, thus including about 250,000 Germans in Italy.

In gaining the former Austrian port of Trieste (pop. 246,000, 75% being Italian speaking) Italy has gained a port of great economic significance. Trieste is the outlet for a larr

part of Central Europe. By the Treaty of London, the price the Allies paid for Italy's accession to their cause, Italy was promised a large territorial addition along the Adriatic, practically making the Adriatic an Italian sea. The arrangements of this treaty were not approved by the Peace Conference. After a long and acrimonious discussion between Italy and the new State of Jugo-Slavia, a compromise was finally reached in the Treaty of Rapallo (November, 1920). By this treaty, Fiume was made an independent state with territorial contiguity to Italy, Jugo-Slavia receiving port privileges at Fiume. Italy did not receive all of the Dalmatian lands promised her by the Treaty of London, but the new treaty gave her the port of Zara and certain islands. By the Jugo-Slav concessions under the treaty, Italy acquired the town of Idria northeast of Trieste. The quicksilver mines of Idria produce 130,000 tons of ore annually. The settlement of this Adriatic problem has removed a great source of danger to European peace.

REFERENCES

The claims of Italy in "Italia Irredenta" are shown on Map H19 Modern Italy. Map H25 Peoples of Europe, shows the ethnic basis of such claims. The enlarged Italy is shown on Map H28 Central Europe 1918-1921, and the economic importance of the accessions are illustrated on Map H24 Economic Europe. All these maps appear in the Harding European History Series. Map J2 Europe (1921) in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps, shows the enlarged Italy.

State of Fiume

BY the Treaty of Rapallo signed November 12, 1920, Italy and Jugo-Slavia settled the Adriatic problem which at one time threatened the peace of Europe. D'Annunzio, the famed Italian poet, fired with patriotic zeal, seized the city of Fiume in September, 1919 and declared that "Fiume shall be Italian," in spite of all agreements. D'Annunzio resisted all pleas to modify his uncompromising attitude and after the conclusion of the Treaty of Rapallo, armed forces were necessary to evict him from the city.

Fiume has a population of 49,000, about half of which is Italian speaking. Fiume is a port of great importance and is practically the only port available for Jugo-Slavia. The rights of this state are, however, protected by treaty. By the Treaty of Rapallo, the State of Fiume has territorial contiguity with Italy. Its ultimate incorporation with Italy may be expected.

The area of the state is only 8 square miles and is practically confined to the city of Fiume.

REFERENCE

The results of the Treaty of Rapallo and the new state of Fiume are shown on Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921.

The Balkans

THE Balkan Peninsula has been rightly called the "storm center" of Europe. Its geographic position, forming a bridge between Europe and Asia, has made it, since history began, a highway for all peoples and races. The linguistic map of the Balkans today thus shows a bewildering mosaic of Greek and Turk, Slav and Teuton, Bulgar and Serb.

The struggle for control of the highways across the peninsula, in recent years, was shown in Austria's attempt to reach an outlet down the Morava to Saloniki on the Aegean at the expense of Serbia, and in turn Greece sought to deny the claims of Bulgaria by claiming the whole Aegean Sea littoral. Each nation recognized the strategic and commercial value of the Balkan highways between Europe and Asia.

The clashing nationalist, racial, and economic claims and especially the "Mittel Europa" scheme of Germany, with its plan of an economic alliance of nations from the Baltic to the Aegean and on to the Persian Gulf, was the outstanding political development before the war. In active support of this scheme Germany had obtained a foothold in Turkey with her plans of railroad building and economic development. To Austria-Hungary fell the duty of extending this influence to the southward. In the inevitable clash of Teuton and Slav, Austria-Hungary in conjunction with Germany forced the issue. For a time during the war the Central Powers realized their "Mittel Europa" scheme and the Berlin-to-Bagdad plan was actually a reality. The final defeat of the Central Powers killed this grandiose scheme and Austria-Hungary ceased to be a Balkan power.

The peace settlement, while eliminating, for the time, the Teutonic element in the Balkans and uniting in part the Slav element into a United nation,—Jugo-Slavia,—still leaves unsolved many of the difficult racial, nationalist and economic ambitions of the races in the Balkans.

Rumania, Jugo-Slavia, Albania, Bulgaria, Greece, and Turkey now form the separate countries of the Balkans.

It is convenient to include Rumania as a part of the Balkan area, although most of its territory lies north of the Danube.

REFERENCES

Balkan history is treated very fully throughout the Harding European History Series. Recent Balkan history is illustrated on Map H21 Balkan States, Map H27 Europe 1920, and Map H28 Central Europe, 1918-1921. The strategic position of the Balkans is shown on Map B16 Roman Empire (Breasted Ancient History Series), Map H8 Medieval Commerce, and Map H23 Europe in 1914. The racial complexities of the region are shown on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. The economic resources are illustrated on Map H24 Economic Europe. All these maps are in the Harding European History Series.

Present political conditions are shown on Map J2 Europe, in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps.

Rumania

AS a result of the war, Rumania increased its area in a greater proportion than any other nation. Rumania is now the largest Balkan nation.

	Square Miles	Population
Area in 1914	53,489	7,500,000
Area in 1919	122,282	17,393,000

TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS 1919

	Square Miles
Ceded by Austria-Hungary	51,650
Bessarabia (from Russia)	17,143

Greater Rumania now includes the old kingdom of Rumania, Transylvania, Bukovina, Bessarabia and part of the Banat. The Bessarabian cession was made by special treaty in 1920 with the Allies and protested by Russia, to whom it originally belonged. Rumania is now about the size of New Mexico.

Before 1914, Rumania presented to its possible enemies a peculiarly vulnerable frontier. On the west, the Carpathians offered in part a line of defense, but the many passes offered possibilities of attack. Such an attack later actually happened when Austria-Hungary poured her armies through these gaps and overran Rumania. The Pruth and Danube frontiers seemed even less secure to Rumania. The claims of Rumania for a greater and more secure state were presented to the Peace Conference. Bessarabia, a part of Russia with a population 35% Rumanian; Transylvania, the original home of the Rumanians and formerly part of Hungary with a population 47% Ru-

manian; and Bukovina, also a part of Hungary with a population 35% Rumanian, were added to the old kingdom of Rumania on the principle of nationality and other considerations. The annexed territory contains racial minorities of Germans, Magyars, Russians, etc., but the new state corresponds approximately with the limits of Rumanian settlement. In Greater Rumania, the population of which is approximately 17,000,000, 14,000,000 are Rumanians. Greater Rumania now presents a well rounded out political state, and free from some of the weaknesses of the former kingdom.

Rumania before the war was one of the chief granaries of Europe, wheat and corn being extensively grown. In old Rumania along the southern flanks of the Carpathians, is an immense oil field. In 1914 it produced 12,700,000 barrels of oil, making Rumania one of the chief oil producing countries of the world. When the Central Powers overran Rumania in 1917, they found these oil supplies of great value in replenishing their rapidly diminishing supply of petroleum. Other minerals as coal, iron, etc., occur but are not extensively worked.

By the addition of Transylvania, Rumania acquires a wonderfully rich area with great mineral wealth. Its gold mines are the richest in Europe. It also has large industrial centers which will help balance the former predominantly agricultural state of Rumania. Bessarabia and Bukovina are predominantly agricultural in character, producing large crops of cereals. Kishinef in Bessarabia (pop. 128,000), Klausenburg (pop. 60,000), Arad (pop. 63,000), Temesvar (pop. 72,000), Grosswardein (pop. 64,000), all in Transylvania are important cities in the new territory.

The Dobrudja, the area between the Black Sea and the Danube, has long been a bone of contention between Rumania and Bulgaria. Bulgaria has never quite forgotten the loss of southern Dobrudja to Rumania in 1913. Bulgaria strongly objects to the proximity of the Rumanian boundary to Varna, the chief port of Bulgaria and, since the peace settlement, practically her only outlet. The Peace Conference did not recognize Bulgaria's claim for a changed frontier in this region.

REFERENCES

See under "The Balkans."

Jugo-Slavia
(Yugo-Slavia)
(KINGDOM OF THE SERBS, CROATS, AND SLOVENES)

AFTER the revolution in Austria-Hungary, the provinces of Slavonia, Croatia, Dalmatia and Bosnia, declared their independence and a movement was begun for the formation of a Jugo-Slav state by union of these parts with Serbia. Montenegro was included in this united state, very much against her will. Jugo-Slavia (meaning the home of the southern Slavs), is the popular name for this united state; the official name is the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

	Square Miles
Former Kingdom of Serbia	42,098
Former Kingdom of Montenegro	3,536
Former provinces of Austria-Hungary	49,033
Ceded by Bulgaria	961
Total	95,628

The minor boundary changes along the Bulgarian frontier are mainly of a strategic nature. Jugo-Slavia is about the size of the combined areas of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The three peoples, Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, are of the Slavic race and speak similar languages. The Serbs are mainly of the Orthodox Greek faith, while the Croats and Slovenes are Roman Catholic. The total population is about 11,000,000. The country is mainly rough and mountainous. In the valleys and along the lower lands bordering the Danube, Drave, Theiss, Morava and Save, there are lands suitable for agriculture, producing mainly wheat, barley and oats; fruits are also grown. About half of Jugo-Slavia is covered with forest. Jugo-Slavia has considerable mineral resources including coal, manganese, iron, copper and gold, but they are largely undeveloped.

Manufactures are not highly developed. Although Jugo-Slavia has a very extensive coastline on the Adriatic, there are very few suitable harbors, owing to the high mountain ranges near the coast. Trieste in Italy, and Fiume, now an independent state, are the principal outlets for the trade of Jugo-Slavia. Spalato, Ragusa and Cattaro are small ports on the Adriatic in Jugo-Slavic territory. Belgrade (pop. 120,000) the old capital of Serbia, is now the capital of Jugo-Slavia. Serajevo, located

in Bosnia, now included in Jugo-Slavia, is where the World War was fanned into flame by the murder of the Archduke Ferdinand and his wife, on June 28, 1914.

REFERENCES

See under "The Balkans."

Albania

ALBANIA was made an independent state after the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. The state, however, never attained political stability. Italy occupied Albania in 1915 and in 1917 proclaimed a protectorate over it, in an effort to establish Italian influence in the Balkan Peninsula. After the conclusion of the World War, Italy, Greece and Jugo-Slavia presented claims for parts of Albanian territory. The Albanians resisted such efforts and recently Italy concluded an agreement with Albania and withdrew from the country, retaining only the island of Saseno commanding Avlona. The protracted dispute on the status of Albania and its boundaries was definitely settled on November 5, 1921, when the Great Powers recognized the Albanian government with its capital at Tirana; minor changes in the boundary of 1913 were made in favor of Jugo-Slavia.

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See under "The Balkans."

Bulgaria

AS one of the defeated nations in the World War, Bulgaria suffered less territorial losses than her former allies.

	Square Miles	Population
Area 1914	47,750	4,800,000
Lost to Jugo-Slavia	961	
Lost to Greece	6,059	
Area 1921	40,730	4,300,000

The most important loss is in western Thrace which Bulgaria gained from Turkey in the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. The loss of this territory takes from Bulgaria her Aegean Sea littoral and the port of Dedeagatch, thus dealing a blow to Bulgaria's ambitions to reach out to the four seas of the Aegean, Black,

Marmora, and Adriatic. The Treaty, however, assures her transportation privileges through her former territory to the Aegean. Bulgaria lost small areas on her western boundary to Jugo-Slavia, which were of strategic value to the latter state. The frontier with Rumania remains unchanged.

In 1914 Bulgaria gained from Turkey, as the price of her entry into the war on the side of the Central Powers, an area northwest of Adrianople. Most of this territory has been lost to Greece, but a small area has been retained by Bulgaria to the northwest of Adrianople. Bulgaria, shorn of her gains of recent Balkan wars, thus returns to practically the area held by her thirty years ago.

REFERENCES

See under "The Balkans."

Greece

BY the Treaty of Neuilly, limiting Bulgaria, and the Treaty of Sevres, practically excluding Turkey from Europe, the Aegean becomes a Greek sea. The cession of Thrace almost to the gates of Constantinople, Turkish islands in the Aegean Sea, and the Smyrna area in Asia Minor, have made Greece greater in area than she has been for centuries. The enlarged Greece is about the size of the state of Washington.

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	Square Miles	Population
Thrace (ceded by Bulgaria)....	6,059	
Thrace (ceded by Turkey).....	9,000	
Smyrna area } " Aegean Islands }	8,500	
Area in 1914.....	41,931	4,821,000
Area in 1921.....	65,490	(est.) 7,000,000

The acquisition of Thrace by Greece gives her control of an important stretch of coast reaching to the Marmora and within sight of Constantinople, thus stopping short of the great imperial idea of modern Greece. Greece through her ports of Saloniki, Kavalla and Dedeagatch will now control the commerce of the lower Balkan areas. The new frontiers of Greece correspond largely to Greek settlement. The new territories stretch along an inner coastline with a hinterland overspread by aggressive neighbors, making defense not an easy matter.

By the control of Smyrna, Greece again becomes an Asiatic power after the lapse of centuries. Smyrna (pop. 375,000), the most important city in Asia Minor, was given to Greece, not only because of the large Greek population there, but also because of the predominant economic interests of Greece in the Aegean area. The Smyrna area is under Greek administration until 1925, after which date a plebiscite will be taken to determine whether it will amalgamate with Greece or again become a part of Turkey. The Sporades (Dodecanese), a group of islands off Asia Minor, occupied by Italy during the war, were transferred to Greece by Italy in 1920.

REFERENCES

The history of Ancient Greece is shown on many maps in the Breasted Ancient History Series (Denoyer-Geppert Company), especially Map B5 Ancient Greece, Map B6 Greek and Phoenician Colonization, and B9 Sequence Map of Greece. Recent Greek history is covered by the references under "The Balkans."

Turkey

THE problem of Turkey proved one of the most difficult questions of the Peace Conference. By the Treaty of Sevres, Turkey is almost entirely excluded from Europe, retaining only Constantinople and a small surrounding area. In Asia, Turkey is compelled to recognize the independence of Arabia, Hejaz, Palestine, Syria, Irak (Mesopotamia), and Armenia, and the autonomy of Kurdistan. Turkey also renounces all rights over Egypt and Cyprus.

	Square Miles	
	1914	1921
Turkey in Europe	10,882	1,275
Turkey in Asia	602,842	173,625

TERRITORIAL LOSSES 1920

		Square Miles
TO GREECE	Thrace	9,000
	Smyrna and Aegean Islands	8,500
	Armenia	60,000
	Kurdistan	30,000
	Syria	120,000
	Palestine	16,000
	Irak (Mesopotamia)	143,000
	Hejaz	100,000
	Asir	35,000
	Yemen	75,000

	Square Miles
Turkish Empire in 1914	613,724
Turkish Empire in 1921	174,900

Parts of Armenia and Syria were not included in the old Turkish Empire.

The above table is based on the Treaty of Sevres, which has not been ratified. Since that time France has negotiated a treaty with the Turkish Nationalist Government of Angora which reduces the area of Syria, and Turkey has signed a treaty with Soviet Russia which limits Armenia to Russian territory.

WORLD sentiment during the war was that the Turk should be banished from Europe. The disposal of Constantinople, one of the world's most important cities and one of its greatest ports, was one of the great problems of the Peace Conference. Located at the crossroads of two great highways of commerce it possesses great strategic value. A center of Mohammedanism, Constantinople has always played a large part in the politics of the Near East.

Greece openly aspired to possession of Constantinople. Russia during the war was promised Constantinople, but as she was not a party to the Treaty of Sevres her rights lapsed. International interests center so largely in Constantinople that its possession by any one power was later considered inexpedient. The Treaty, therefore, allowed Turkey to retain Constantinople, but the actual control passed into the hands of the Allied Powers.

To safeguard the commerce and international interests of this important region, the Peace Conference provided for an area, called the Zone of the Straits, to include Constantinople, Bosporus, Sea of Marmora, Dardanelles, Lemnos, Mitylene, and other islands, besides an area on both sides of the Straits, under the control of an Inter-Allied Commission. The Bosporus, Sea of Marmora, and Dardanelles are declared open and free to the shipping of the world.

The dismemberment of Turkey excited the interest of all the European powers; the control of the lands themselves and their geographical location have made these lands in the past an international question. The economic and national interests of Greece were recognized in the cession of Thrace and control of Smyrna. Italy's ambitions in Asia Minor were recognized by her occupying Rhodes and Castelorizo and securing economic concessions. France claimed Syria on cultural and economic grounds, while Britain, holding the key positions of Egypt, Suez,

and Aden on the route to India, desired to safeguard the sea route by controlling Palestine.

With her defeat, Germany ceased to be a factor in the Turkish situation. Russia, likewise, in her present disturbed state, was not capable of pressing her claims for an outlet to the warmer seas, but her movement toward the Persian Gulf through Caucasia is still evident. All of Arabia was lost to Turkey, and Arab ambitions of a reborn Arabic kingdom have already taken shape. On the eastern fringe Armenia has been recognized as a nation while Kurdistan has been promised autonomy. Since the dawn of history the countries of the Ottoman Empire have played an important part in world movements; in the hands of more virile nations, these lands will in the future play a larger part than ever before.

Turkey in Asia. All that remains of the former Turkish Empire in Asia is that part of Asia Minor west of the Euphrates and north of 30 degrees latitude.

Although Asia Minor was the home of ancient civilizations, it presents the anomaly of being one of the world's least developed regions. Chief among the natural riches of Asia Minor are the extensive forests which cover the interior ranges of the country. Its valleys are fertile and much of the interior plateau needs only irrigation to make the country a vast granary. The coal fields of Heraclea, on the Black Sea, before the war produced over 600,000 tons a year and if developed would be of great value to Turkey.

Oil, silver, zinc, manganese, iron, copper, are some of the minerals which make Asia Minor attractive as a field of enterprise to the nations of Europe.

Reduced in area as Turkey now is, her retention of Asia Minor assures her an important place in the council of nations. Asia Minor, because of its geographical location, is an important link between Europe and Asia, and along the peninsula runs one of the world's most important land routes. The Turk is incapable of developing the resources of his country. The economic importance of Asia Minor has always been recognized and in the recent treaties between the powers, economic spheres of influence have been assigned to interested powers.

Constantinople (pop. 1,000,000), Brusa (pop. 110,000), Kaisarieh (pop. 54,000), Konia (pop. 45,000), Sivas (pop. 65,000), Angora (pop. 50,000), are the largest cities now remaining in the hands of the Turks. The world famous cities of Mecca, Bagdad, Jerusalem, Smyrna, Damascus, and Adrianople are now in the possession of other nations.

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The importance of the geographical position of Turkey in Europe is referred to in the references under "The Balkans."

The early historical and economic significance of Turkey in Asia (Asia Minor) is shown on Map B1 Ancient World, Map B2 Ancient Orient, Map B3 Oriental Empires, Map B4 Eastern Mediterranean, Map B6 Greek and Phoenician Colonization and Map B10 Alexander's Empire. These maps are in the Breasted Ancient History Series.

Recent political changes in Asia Minor and the former Turkish Empire since the war are clearly shown on Map J2 Europe (1921), and Map J3 Asia (1921), in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps.

Russia

THE break-up of Russia was one of the greatest events of the World War. Long before 1914 spasmodic revolutions had taken place, but the war, with its failure of the autocracy to respond to the democratic wishes of the Russian people, brought about the downfall of the regime of the Czar. The new republic of Russia dates from March 15th, 1917. After a period of transitional governments, Russia passed into the control of the "Bolsheviki" (a Russian word meaning "belonging to the majority"). After the revolution, disintegration soon appeared thruout the former empire and numerous independent states appeared within her borders. In the expansion of the former Russian Empire many peoples of non-Slavic blood were incorporated. Political and linguistic differences did not promote unity and when the political crisis struck the empire, these parts, situated on the extreme borders of the Empire, declared their independence.

The border states of Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, and Poland have maintained their independence and have been recognized by Russia. Ukraine, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, while formerly independent, are now more or less allied to Russia. In Siberia, Soviet Russia controls all of Siberia west of Lake Baikal. The territory from Lake Baikal to Vladivostok has been constituted as the Far Eastern Republic.

	Square Miles
Area of European Russia in 1914	1,867,700
Area of European Russia in 1921	1,301,400

Areas of countries formerly part of Russia:

	Square Miles
Finland	133,000
Esthonia	23,160
Latvia	24,400
Lithuania	36,500
Poland (part formerly Russian)	49,150
Ukraine	300,000

The republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, properly parts of former Asiatic Russia, have since the fall of 1921 lost their independence and been incorporated within Soviet Russia.

	Square Miles
Georgia	40,000
Azerbaijan	30,000
Armenia	20,000

Of all the countries of Europe, Russia has, owing to the war and revolutions, suffered most in loss of territory, disruption of government, economic, and human loss.

The population of all Soviet Russia has by a recent census been placed at 130,700,000, being a decrease of 18,000,000 for the same area according to pre-war estimates.

Russia is now ruled by the Soviet (Russian word meaning council or committee) form of government, the official name of Russia today being "The Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic." Soviet Russia is a federated state, consisting of a number of united soviet republics. The area now actually Russia today is much less than pre-war Russia. The eastern boundary remains the same, but on the west the large states already named, shut it off almost entirely from the Baltic Sea. Only on the Gulf of Finland in the region of Petrograd does Russia retain an outlet to the sea on the west. During the winter all this coast is ice-bound.

With the loss of much of her territory Russia has suffered great economic loss. The erection of states on her western border has caused her the loss of the Baltic coast and the important ports of Revel, Riga, and Libava.

The loss of the great industrial areas of Poland and the agricultural and forest areas of the Baltic states and Finland, will for a time seriously reduce the resources of the nation. The Donetz coal field, and "Black Earth" region, which is one of the world's richest granaries, lie within Ukraine. As Ukraine is allied to Soviet Russia these resources are, in part, still available. Odessa, Russia's great seaport on the Black Sea, is in

Ukraine. The rich oil fields of the Caucasus, in Azerbaijan, were for a time lost to Russia, but this area has recently been re-incorporated within Soviet Russia.

After the revolution the capital of Russia was removed to Moscow. Petrograd was never an ideally located capital and with Russia reduced in area and Petrograd situated on the extreme western border and easy of attack by foreign states, the selection of Moscow, once before the capital of Russia, was in line with developments in the New Russia.

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The growth of Russia is shown on Map H9 Charles V, Map H12 Europe 1648, Map H13 Europe 1740, Map H15 Napoleon, Map H16 Europe 1815, and Map H23 Europe 1914. The break-up of Russia is shown on Map H27 Europe 1920. The economic and industrial development of Russia is shown on Map H24 Economic Europe. The ethnic distribution in Russia is shown on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. All these maps are in the Harding European History Series.

The new Russia is shown on Map J2 Europe (1921), and Map J3 Asia (1921), in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps.

The Baltic States

THE three Baltic States of Esthonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, lying along the coast of the Baltic from the Gulf of Finland to the frontier of Germany, were formerly part of Russia. Separated from Russia proper by Lakes Peipus and Pskov and a rough hilly country, the influences shaping the history of this area have come mostly from the west. The Esths in Esthonia like the Finns are descended from the Yellow race. The Letts in Latvia and the Lithuanians belong to the Baltic group of the White race. After their incorporation into Russia, these peoples were for a time left undisturbed in their national ways of living.

In the sixties the "Russification" of these provinces began and the forcible denationalization, accentuated by a land hunger among the peasants, who formed the majority, revived national feeling. After the collapse of Russia these states underwent various political changes ending in each state declaring its independence. In losing these Baltic States, Russia loses her "window on the Baltic," through which she carried on a great transit and shipping trade with the outside world. The western powers have been active in supporting these new border states.

Esthonia

ESTHONIA was declared an independent republic on February 24, 1918. The area is 23,160 square miles, with a population of 1,750,000. Esths form 95% of the population; Germans and Russians form the larger part of the minority. Agriculture and lumbering are the principal occupations of the people. Revel (pop. 160,000), is the capital, and before the war was one of the leading ports of Russia.

Latvia

SITUATED around the Gulf of Riga, Latvia has an area of 24,400 square miles, about the size of West Virginia. The population is 1,503,000 of which 78% are Letts, the remainder being Jews, Germans, Russians and Poles. Latvia declared its independence November 18th, 1918.

Riga (pop. 569,000), one of the great seaports on the Baltic, is the capital. Riga was formerly one of the great outlets for Russian trade. Libava (pop. 90,000) is a port on the Baltic with a large foreign trade.

Latvia is mainly an agricultural country. Lumbering is important, while industries are not extensively developed.

Lithuania

NATIONAL feeling among the Lithuanians developed later than among the Esths and Letts. The area occupied by the Lithuanians was dominated by a Polish landed class and the policy of "Russification" was directed more at the Poles than against the Lithuanians who were not regarded as a separate people. Lithuania proclaimed its independence on February 16, 1918.

The area of Lithuania is 36,500 square miles, about the size of Indiana. The population, 4,657,000, is largely Lithuanian with a mixture of Poles, Jews, and White Russians. The country is low-lying, nowhere rising to more than 700 or 800 feet above sea level. Agriculture is carried on extensively, though the land is not over-productive. Rye, oats, barley, and potatoes are the principal products. Forests cover a large area and lumbering is an important industry. Industrial and commercial development was never encouraged under Russian occupation. Kovno (pop. 195,000) on the Niemen is the present capital and chief

city. Memel, on the Baltic, the chief port for Lithuania, is at present controlled by the Allied Powers, but this city may eventually be ceded to Lithuania.

The Niemen, which flows partly through Lithuania is Internationalized to Grodno in Poland. The eastern boundary of Lithuania with Poland is at present undefined. Vilna (pop. 289,000) the old historical capital of Lithuania, is claimed by both Poland and Lithuania.

Finland

FINLAND (meaning a country of swamps) was, before the revolution of 1917, a grand duchy of Russia. Annexed in 1809, Finland retained its own constitution and was allowed to develop its own national life, and so became one of the most prosperous and advanced parts of the empire. In 1899 the government of the Czar decided upon the "Russification" of Finland. This policy was resisted by the Finns. With the breakdown of the old order in Russia, Finland declared itself a sovereign and independent state on December 6th, 1917.

Located on the northwest border of Russia, it stretches from the Arctic Ocean to the Gulf of Finland and in area is more than twice the area of New England. A rather infertile soil, long cold winters, and short summers, are unfavorable to agriculture. Oats, rye, barley, and potatoes are raised, however, in considerable quantities. More than half the country is covered with forests of pine and spruce. Half of the population live on agriculture and cattle raising. Lumbering is an important industry. Mineral resources are inconsiderable, but large resources of water-power are available for industrial development. In recent years there has been a steady development in manufactures.

Of the total population of 3,300,000, about 339,000 are Swedes who inhabit the coast region along the Gulf of Bothnia and Gulf of Finland. The Finns belong to the Yellow race and speak a language like the Esthonians. Helsingfors (pop. 187,000) is the capital. Abo (pop. 56,000), Tammerfors (pop. 45,560), and Vyborg (pop. 29,000) are other important cities.

Before 1809 Finland was a part of Sweden. Sweden has never quite forgotten this loss and among the many questions raised during the recent Peace Settlement, Sweden presented a claim for the possession of the Aland Islands, a group in the Gulf of Bothnia, formerly part of Sweden and more recently part of

the grand duchy of Finland. Located at the mouth of the gulf and possessing some strategic value, Sweden based her claim to the islands on former possesion, majority of Swedish inhabitants, and the value of the islands for the defense of her coast. Finland opposed the claim and sought to retain ownership. After careful consideration of the case the League of Nations decided that the Aland Islands are rightly part of Finland.

The relations of Finland to Soviet Russia were until recently not very friendly. On October 14, 1920 a treaty was signed between these nations which recognized territorial concessions on both sides. Finland received from Russia a strip of territory on the north which gives her a port on the Arctic Ocean, practically ice free in winter. This concession will be of great commercial advantage to Finland, for during the winter the Gulf of Bothnia and Gulf of Finland are icebound.

Ukraine

UKRAINE (meaning "border") was one of the republics which declared its independence from Russia in December 1918. Since its inauguration as a republic, Ukraine has never enjoyed stable government for any long period, the soviet and anti-soviet forces always contending for mastery.

The political status of Ukraine is not yet quite certain. At the present time the country is governed according to the soviet form of government and although its independence has been recognized by Poland and Russia, the government of Ukraine is largely controlled from Moscow. By a recent treaty (December 1920) many of the commissariats of Ukraine and Russia are united. This action would seem to limit the independence of Ukraine and make it simply a republic in the federated state of Russia.

Situated to the southwest of Russia, it is bounded on the west by Poland and on the southwest by Rumania. The boundary with Poland has been fixed by treaty, but Ukraine does not recognize the claims of Rumania to Bessarabia, which was formerly a part of Russia. The northern and eastern limits of Ukraine are not yet definitely fixed. The area of the republic is estimated at 300,000 square miles, an area equal to Texas and Louisiana. The population, estimated at 40,000,000, is 75% Ukrainian, with Russians and Poles as the next largest elements. The Ukrainians (or Little Russians) differ slightly from the Great Russians in race and language.

Ukraine lies across the famous "Black Earth" region, one of the world's richest granaries. From this region Russia, before 1914, exported great quantities of wheat, barley and rye. Sugar-beet growing was also extensive, making sugar manufacture a leading industry of the country. The mineral wealth of Ukraine is important. The Donetz coal field, one of the most productive of former Russia, lies on the Donetz River on the eastern border of Ukraine. The output of this field in 1913 was 24,800,000 tons or 75% of the total output of European Russia. Russia has since lost the coal fields in former Russian Poland.

The same area produced in 1913 about 6,000,000 tons of iron ore. The close proximity of coal and iron has made this region a center for iron and steel works and varied manufactures. The Donetz Basin was before the war one of the great industrial regions of Russia. As Soviet Russia has lost the valuable agricultural and mineral resources, and manufactures of her former border provinces on the west, the economic necessity of securing access to the enormous food resources, coal, iron, and manufactures of Ukraine has been an important factor in bringing about a close political and economic understanding between Soviet Russia and Ukraine.

Ukraine is geographically well situated. It lies halfway on the highway between Western Europe and the Caucasus. The river Dnieper, running across the state, gives it excellent interior transportation. Ukraine now controls the Black Sea coast with the port of Odessa, which, before the war, was one of Russia's greatest seaports. Kief (pop. 610,000) on the Dnieper is the capital. Odessa (pop. 631,000), formerly the third city in Russia and one of the main outlets for its foreign trade, is now included in the new republic, Kharkof (pop. 258,000), Ekaterinoslaf (pop. 220,000), and Nikolaief (pop. 106,000) are important industrial centers.

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The history and economic development of the Baltic States, Finland and Ukraine will be found in the Harding European History Series, using the same references as for Russia. The ethnic problems of the new states are illustrated on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. The geography of the new states is shown on Map J2 Europe (1921) in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps.

The Caucasian Soviet Republics

AFTER the revolution in Russia, various racial groups of the Caucasian peoples seceded from the central government. Of the numerous republics which sprang up only three, Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia (Russian) attained stability. From the revolution until early in 1921 these three republics were independent of Soviet Russia, but the growing power of Soviet Russia from the north, and that of the Turkish Nationalist forces from the south has practically destroyed the independence of these states.

The three Caucasian states thus became Soviet republics under the control of Russia. On October 13, 1921, a treaty was signed at Kars between the representatives of Soviet Russia, Turkey (Nationalist), and the three Caucasian soviet republics of Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, which settled disputed territorial points between Turkey and the three Caucasian republics. This treaty also indirectly brought the three Caucasian soviet republics within the federated Russian republic. The independence of Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia (Russian) is now a thing of the past and they again assume their pre-war status as part of the Russian dominion. The three republics must now be regarded as allied soviet republics within the Russian Socialist Federated Republic.

The Great Powers do not yet recognize the changed political status of these Caucasian republics. From this point of view the Caucasian republics may deserve extended description.

Georgia

ORIGINALLY a member of the Trans-Caucasian Republic, established April 1918, Georgia seceded and formed a separate independent republic on May 18th, 1918. Soviet Russia has steadily refused to recognize Georgia and finally in the fall of 1921, Georgia lost its independence and became an allied soviet republic within Soviet Russia.

The area is estimated at 40,000 square miles and is therefore about the size of Ohio. The population is estimated at 3,176,000.

The agricultural resources of Georgia are considerable; wheat, barley, maize, cotton, tobacco, and tea are grown. Fruits are extensively raised, and vineyards are very extensive. The mineral wealth is great; Georgia has the largest deposits of manganese ore in the world.

Tiflis (pop. 346,000) is the capital. Batum (pop. 25,000)

on the Black Sea is the principal seaport, and terminus of the oil pipe line from Baku.

Azerbaijan

AZERBAIJAN was a member with Georgia and Armenia of the Trans-Caucasian republic. On May 28th, 1918, Azerbaijan set up an independent republic. In area it is about 30,000 square miles, equal in size to Maine, with a population estimated at 4,615,000 of which 3,482,000 are Tatars, and 795,000 are Armenians.

Baku (pop. 250,000), a port on the Caspian Sea, is the capital. Baku is the center of the great Caucasian oil industry. The possession of oil gives Azerbaijan many economic advantages, and in recent years she has been able to impose her will on neighboring states through holding back oil supplies. Azerbaijan is no longer an independent republic but simply an allied soviet republic within Soviet Russia.

Armenia

POSSESSED of a remarkable tenacity of race, culture, and religion, this ancient people, the Armenians, have withstood the many vicissitudes of their long and turbulent history. The Armenian question has been one of the most difficult questions in European politics. The Armenians are scattered throughout Asia Minor and Trans-Caucasia, but the largest single group is found on the high plateau around Mt. Ararat, where Noah's ark, according to the Bible story, rested.

The Armenians, always possessed of a strong national consciousness, united with the Georgians and Tatars in founding the Trans-Caucasian Republic in 1918 following the Russian revolution. In 1918 the Armenian Republic of Erivan was constituted. Though recognized by the Allies it never attained political stability, and its history since its founding has been stormy. In 1920 President Wilson accepted the task of defining the boundaries of Armenia, but his report only defined the west and southern boundaries from the Black Sea, south of Lake Van to the border of Persia. As none of the Allied countries would accept the mandate for Armenia, the country was left to maintain its own independence. Subjected to attacks from Soviet Russia and Turkey (Nationalist) the power of Armenia has gradually diminished until today, with its independence lost, a large part of its area annexed by the Turkish Nationalist Government, the remaining part has been constituted as the allied

soviet republic of Armenia, within the Federated Republic of Soviet Russia.

The area of the soviet republic of Armenia is about 20,000 square miles with a population not exceeding 1,000,000. The former independent republic of Armenia covered an area of 60,000 square miles, with an estimated population of 3,000,000. Erivan (pop. 90,000) is the capital and only large town. Trebizond (pop. 50,000) on the Black Sea and Erzerum (pop. 40,000), formerly in Armenia, are in the territory re-annexed by Turkey.

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The ethnic distribution in Caucasia in its relation to the new nations is illustrated on Map H25 Peoples of Europe. Map J2 Europe (1921), and Map J3 Asia (1921) in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps, show the boundaries of the new Caucasian nations according to the most recent treaties.

Neutral Nations and Their Territorial Gains

SPAIN and Switzerland were the only neutral European nations during the World War which were not considered in the territorial redistribution in the peace settlement. Denmark and Norway received territorial additions, while the claim of Sweden to the Aland Islands, formerly part of Russia, was considered by the League of Nations. The League decided in May, 1921, that the Aland Islands should be retained by Finland. The Netherlands made a claim on the Spitzbergen Archipelago.

Norway

THOUGH neutral during the war, Norway gained from the Peace Settlement the Spitzbergen Archipelago. Lying far within the Arctic Circle, 400 miles due north of Norway, Spitzbergen, an archipelago of some 25,000 square miles, about the size of West Virginia, remained until 1920 one of the few areas on the face of the globe to be unattached to any state.

It was the search for a route to the Spice Islands, independent of Portuguese control, that led to the discovery of Spitzbergen. Willoughby, the Englishman, in opening up the Northeast passage, discovered Nova Zembla. The Dutch, rivals

of the English, hoped to forestall the English, and an expedition led by the Dutchman, Barents, discovered Spitzbergen in 1596. From that time on the group was visited principally by whalers, mainly Dutch and English. The whaling industry in recent years has declined, due largely to the indiscriminate slaughter of the whales. In recent years Spitzbergen assumed great importance through the discovery of coal deposits (the most northerly coal fields in the world). The annual output is small, but the quality of the coal is good. The known deposits are estimated at 9,000,000,000 tons.

In 1914 an international conference failed to determine which nation should assume sovereign rights. At the peace settlement the question came up again. Britain, Netherlands, and Norway were the strongest claimants. Norway was granted limited sovereignty of the group because of her historic, scientific, and economic interests. As Norway has no coal, the Spitzbergen fields will be extremely valuable in supplying part of her industrial needs.

Denmark

THOUGH neutral during the war, the Peace Conference recognized the injustice of the attachment of part of Schleswig to Germany in 1866. The Treaty of Versailles, 1919, designated two plebiscite zones in former German territory where the people would decide the sovereignty by voting. The northern zone voted to unite with Denmark and the southern zone remained German. Denmark thus regained 984 square miles of an area which had been included in Germany since 1866. Agriculture, cattle breeding and dairy farming are important in the ceded area.

Liechtenstein

LIECHTENSTEIN, a small principality on the eastern frontier of Switzerland was formerly practically a dependency of Austria. In November, 1918, the complete independence of Liechtenstein was declared.

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Map J2 Europe (1921), in the Denoyer-Geppert Series of Political Geography Maps, shows the new boundary between Denmark and Germany, the Norwegian control over Spitzbergen and the location of Liechtenstein.

Political Changes in Asia

ATTENTION has been so concentrated on the European settlement that few realize the tremendous territorial changes which have taken place in Asia Minor, Arabia, and Caucasia, all parts of the Asiatic continent. The dismemberment of the Turkish Empire and the break-down of Russia gave many oppressed peoples the opportunity of realizing their nationalism in the founding of independent states. Within the Turkish Empire the Greeks sought union with their motherland; the Armenians, oppressed and decimated by persecutions, voiced their demands for freedom, and the Kurds demanded more self-government. In the Caucasus region Russia had not been successful in her "Russification" of her border provinces and the Georgians, Armenians, and Tatars threw off the yoke at the first weakening of the great empire. Supported by the allies on the grounds of "self-determination" the Peace Conference readily recognized these border states in Caucasia. Economic interests and political rivalries of European powers played their part in the building up of these new states in the Near East. The following are the new states in Asia.

FORMERLY PART OF THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE*

	Square Miles	Population
Georgia	40,000	3,176,000
Azerbaijan	30,000	3,000,000
Armenia	20,000	1,000,000
Far Eastern Democratic Republic	674,000	1,890,000

FORMERLY PART OF THE TURKISH EMPIRE

	Square Miles	Population
Kurdistan	30,000	1,200,000
Syria (French mandatory)	120,000	3,000,000
Palestine (British mandatories)	16,000	700,000
Irak (British mandatories)	143,000	2,849,000
Hejaz	100,000	750,000
Asir	35,000	1,500,000
Yemen	75,000	1,000,000
Smyrna (Greek mandatory)	8,500	

*Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia, while still recognized as independent republics by the Great Powers, are really no longer independent, but are now allied soviet republics within Soviet Russia.

Georgia, Azerbaijan and Armenia are so closely related to Russia, that they are referred to under that section. Smyrna is described under Greece.

Kurdistan

KURDISTAN, a region formerly part of Turkey, at the sources of the Euphrates and Tigris and west of Persia, was by the Treaty of Sevres made an autonomous state under Turkey with a promise of independence at a later date. Kurdistan reached its height of power under Saladin in the twelfth century when it became a vast kingdom extending as far as Egypt and Yemen on the south and the Black Sea on the north. Under the government of the Turks the power of the Kurds dwindled. Kurdish nationalism has at various times attempted to throw off the yoke of the Turk. The Kurds are a semi-nomadic race, numbering about 1,200,000. Diarbekr (pop. 38,000) on the Tigris is the only large town.

Arabia

WHEN Turkey entered the war on the side of the Central Powers one of the problems of the Allies, chiefly the British, was to safeguard Egypt and the Suez Canal. One of the chief aims of Turkey was to conquer Egypt and destroy the Suez Canal and thus deal a blow at the British Empire. The Turks were defeated in their immediate purpose. The Pan Arabic movement had for some time before 1914 been very vigorous in the Syrian provinces of Turkey. To secure the defeat of Turkey, Britain obtained the adhesion of the Arabic tribes under the Sherif Hussein of Hejaz in Arabia, on a promise to recognize the independence of the Arabs. Upon the successful conclusion of the war, the Arabs under Hussein claimed as part of the new Arabian kingdom, Syria, Palestine, and Mesopotamia. Their claim, however, conflicted with other treaties which had been made during the war between France and Britain relative to this region. France resisted the Arab claims in Syria by dethroning Feisul as "king" of Syria, while the British have already recognized the claims of the Zionists to a home in Palestine.

Hejaz, the new independent Arab state, may ultimately form the nucleus of the Pan Arabic Empire. The claims of the Arabs are now being considered by Britain and France; Arab control has been recognized in Irak (Mesopotamia) Nejd, and Trans-Jordania. The establishment of a strong independent

Pan Arabic state in a region which since the beginning of history has been one of the world's great highways, is not a prospect which appeals to the western nations. The lack of unity amongst the Arab peoples does not give much promise that their political ambitions will ever be completely realized.

Syria

FOR centuries the name Syria has been applied to the territory along the Mediterranean from the Taurus Mountains to the Sinai Peninsula and from the sea on the west to the desert on the east. A link between Asia and Africa, Syria, including Palestine has been a battle ground between peoples and nations. The repeated invasions have given it a very mixed population though the majority speak Arabic and claim to be Arabs. Syria since the tenth century has been under the power of the Turk. As in all lands under Turkish rule the country has suffered from neglect and though formerly capable of producing much, Syria, today, is a poor country, with impoverished soil and limited resources.

Syria, French Mandatory. By the Treaty of Sevres, France was alloted the mandate for that part of Syria from the Gulf of Alexandretta in the north to the headwaters of the Jordan on the south and eastwards across the desert to the Euphrates and Tigris. This territory was put under the control of France by the League of Nations because of her predominant interests in this region. On October 21, 1921, the French Government signed a treaty at Angora with the Turkish Nationalists which modified the northern boundary of Syria as defined by the Treaty of Sevres.

Before the war, France did not possess any territory in the Near East. The control of this new state makes France an important factor in the Near East. The area is 120,000 square miles with a population of 3,000,000. Damascus (pop. 250,000) is the chief city. Aleppo (pop. 250,000), Beirut (pop. 150,000), Homs (pop. 70,000), and Hama (pop. 60,000) are the other important cities. Beirut is the chief port.

Palestine

IN 1919 Palestine was conquered by the British. On April 25th, 1920, Britain was given the mandate for Palestine, one of the objects being the establishment there of a national home for the Jewish people. The growth of Zionism amongst the Jews throughout the world was pronounced before the war

and many settlements of Jewish colonies had been made in Palestine. On the north Palestine joins with Syria; on the east its boundary lies west of the Pilgrim railway to Medina and on the south it touches the Gulf of Akaba and Egypt. The area is estimated at 16,000 square miles with a population of about 700,000, of which 550,000 are Moslem Arabs, 80,000 Jews, and 70,000 Christian Arabs.

Jerusalem (pop. 60,000) is the chief town, Jaffa (pop. 54,000) is the leading port. The long cherished wish of millions of Jews has at last been realized and speedy progress is being made toward the establishment of a progressive Zionist state. It is significant that after a lapse of centuries Jerusalem and the Holy Land are again under the government of a Christian power.

The British occupation of Palestine is of great importance to the British Empire. The strength of the Empire depends on control of the communications. Palestine lies on the land route between Egypt, Mesopotamia, and India. By gaining control of Palestine, Britain maintains the security of the Suez route and also controls the land route between Africa and Asia. During the war the Egyptian and Palestine railway systems were linked up, but this was only for military purposes; a regular commercial route has now been developed. In addition to the control of Palestine, Britain has also obtained control of Irak (Mesopotamia) and a large interest in the government of Constantinople. Thus by controlling these key positions Britain has immeasurably strengthened her Empire.

Cyprus

UNTIL November, 1914, Cyprus was administered by Great Britain under a convention signed with Turkey. At the outbreak of hostilities with Turkey, Great Britain annexed the island.

Rhodes

DURING the war Italy occupied many of the Aegan Islands belonging to Turkey. At the Peace Settlement Greece obtained the majority of these islands but Italy continues to administer Rhodes, (occupied by Italy since 1911) also Castelorizo, islands off the coast of Asia Minor. In 1925 a plebiscite will be taken to decide the sovereignty of Rhodes, as between Greece and Italy.

Hejaz

FORMERLY a vilayet of Turkey and nominally controlled by her before 1914, Hejaz declared its independence in November, 1916. As leader of the Pan Arabic movement, and also by virtue of the possession of Mecca and Medina, the holy places of Islam, Hejaz wields a tremendous power in the Mohammedan world. Hejaz is the most important Arab state and may eventually be the nucleus of the greater Arab state, the claims of which form one of the most pressing Near East problems. Its area is 100,000 square miles (est.) with a population of 750,000.

Mecca (pop. 80,000) is the capital. Jidda (pop. 30,000) on the coast, is the chief port. Medina (pop. 40,000) in the interior, is the terminus of the Pilgrim railway.

Asir

THIS is a small state on the Red Sea, south of Hejaz, which before 1914 was nominally under Turkey. It is now independent. Area estimated at 35,000 square miles; population 1,500,000.

Yemen

YEMEN, on the Red Sea, and nominally part of Turkey before 1914, secured its independence during the war. The area is about 75,000 square miles, almost equal to the area of Nebraska; its population is about 1,000,000. Considerable areas produce cereals and coffee. Sana (pop. 25,000) is the capital; Hodeida (pop. 40,000) and Mokha, are ports on the Red Sea.

Irak or Iraq (Mesopotamia)

ON August 23, 1921, with the crowning of Emir Feisul as king, Irak or Mesopotamia became a native Arab kingdom under the protection of the British. Irak was formerly the name for the region between the lower courses of the Euphrates and Tigris and including the city of Bagdad.

From 1917 to the above date Mesopotamia, or Irak, as it is now called, had been under the government of the British. The promise of independence made by the Allies to the Arabs in 1915 has been fulfilled by the setting up of this native Arab government in Mesopotamia.

Of all the lands carved out of the Turkish Empire, Mesopotamia holds the most promise of rapid development. The seat of ancient empires, Mesopotamia (meaning "between the rivers"), was once a land of extreme fertility and supported a dense population. Its present miserable condition dates from the Mongol invasion of the thirteenth century. Since that time no strong, progressive government has controlled this area and Turkish rule continued to blight this region until it was conquered by the British in 1917. In the Peace Treaty with Turkey, Mesopotamia is recognized as an independent state to be placed under a mandatory power. The Supreme Council allotted the mandate to Britain.

Mesopotamia is a land of immense economic possibilities. The Tigris and Euphrates, through the centuries, have built up a vast alluvial plain. In times past its richness of soil made it one of the garden spots of the world. With the rebuilding of its irrigation system the land should return to something approaching its former fertility. In the north cereals can be grown abundantly, while the south offers a splendid field for cotton and rice. At present, dates are the principal product. Oil is the only mineral resource of the country and while development had begun under Turkish control it is only since its occupation by the British that development has been conducted on a large scale. The area is estimated at 143,000 square miles and the population at 2,849,000. The population consists of Arabs (50%), Kurds, Turkomans, and Russians. Bagdad (pop. 225,000) an ancient city on the Tigris, is the capital. Basra (pop. 80,000) on the Shat-el-Arab is the chief port.

Before the war, Irak (Mesopotamia) was significant in the Berlin-to-Bagdad plan of the Central Powers. The proposed railway, sections of which have been built by the British since the war, ran down the valley of the Tigris to Bagdad and was then to be continued down the river to the Persian Gulf. Had Germany completed this plan it would have constituted a serious threat against the sea route to India, controlled by the British, and in time of war would have menaced the security of India.

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Siberia

THE revolution of 1917 in Russia affected all of the Russian Empire. Bolshevist influence has gradually spread throughout Siberia until today all Siberia west of Lake Baikal, and including Russian Central Asia, is under the central Soviet government at Moscow. East of Lake Baikal, minor independent governments were established at Vladivostok, Chita and other points.

In November, 1920, a conference of all these East Siberian governments was held and it reached an agreement whereby all the territory from Lake Baikal to the Pacific was united into one government called the Far Eastern Democratic Republic with its capital at Chita.

Vladivostok (pop. 91,460), Chita (pop. 79,200), Blagovyeshchensk (pop. 62,500), Khabarovsk (pop. 51,300), are the largest cities within this new republic.

The republic possesses great forest and mineral resources, and extensive fisheries; the country has, however, undergone little development.

Japan has been active in Eastern Siberia in safeguarding her interests and has occupied the northern part of Sakhalin and the Siberian coast to the east of the Amur river. Political conditions are very unsettled throughout all Siberia.

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Japan

AS a result of the war Japan has become the leading Asiatic power. When the war began her influence was limited to the island empire, Korea, and the Liaotung Peninsula. The war gave Japan her opportunity and today she dominates Manchuria, occupies large areas of Eastern Siberia and from the League of Nations she holds the mandate for the former German

islands in the Pacific, north of the equator. The importance of these added territories is not measured in area, but in the strategic and economic value of the territory controlled.

FORMER GERMAN TERRITORY CEDED TO JAPAN

	Square Miles
Caroline, Pelew, Mariana, and Marshall Islands.....	960

The area of the Japanese Empire is now 261,498 square miles with a population of 77,063,500. The Japanese occupation of Eastern Siberia, Manchuria, and the northern part of Sakhalin Island is not permanent, but defended by Japan on the ground that her interests in these areas need protection.

Kiaochow. By the Treaty of Versailles, the former German leased territory of Kiaochow in northern China was ceded to Japan. This decision did not receive the approval of China. As a result of an agreement made at the Disarmament Conference at Washington, Novémber, 1921-February, 1922, Japan has renounced her claim to Kiaochow, also certain arrangements in Shantung, and the territory now reverts to Chinese sovereignty. The area of Kiaochow is 200 square miles. By this act Japan gives up an important strategic position and relinquishes control over one of the most important mineral areas of China.

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Germany's Lost Pacific Possessions

IN the same year that Germany annexed territory in Africa, she also began her colonial expansion in the Pacific. In 1884 Germany annexed the northeast part of New Guinea, later extending her control over the neighboring archipelago. In the next year she hoisted her flag over the Marshall Islands, and in

1899, after the debacle of Spain in the Philippines, Germany purchased from her the remaining Spanish possessions of the Carolines, Marianas, and the Pelews. Samoa became an international question in the same year (1899) and Germany got control of several islands in the Samoa group. With this settlement the disposition of the islands of the Pacific amongst the nations became complete and Germany's expansion in the Pacific was ended.

FORMER GERMAN POSSESSIONS IN PACIFIC

	Square Miles
New Guinea	70,000
Bismarck Archipelago	15,570
Solomon Islands	4,200
Caroline Islands, Pelew Islands, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands	960
Nauru Island	8
Samoa Islands	1,260
Total	91,998

At the outbreak of the war in 1914 New Zealand seized the Samoa Islands; Australia captured New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Bismarck Archipelago; Japan captured Kiaochow and the island groups from the Pelews to the Marshalls. In a few months the laboriously built up Western Pacific empire of Germany had passed from her control.

Under the Treaty of Versailles the control of these possessions passed to the conquerors to be controlled under mandates from the League of Nations.

MANDATORY TERRITORIES SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR

TO AUSTRALIA	New Guinea, Bismarck Archipelago, Solomon Islands
TO NEW ZEALAND	Samoa Islands
TO BRITISH EMPIRE	Nauru Island

MANDATORY TERRITORIES NORTH OF THE EQUATOR

TO JAPAN	Caroline Islands, Pelew Islands, Mariana Islands, Marshall Islands

The assumption of mandates by Australia and New Zealand enlarges the responsibilities of these young nations and they have now become in fact, Pacific powers.

Australian Mandatory Territories

FORMER German New Guinea is contiguous to the Territory of Papua, the British part of New Guinea, under the government of Australia. The products of this area are tropical, cocoanuts, rubber, and cocoa being the chief commercial products. Development has been, however, very limited. The territory has some undeveloped mineral wealth.

Australia also controls the neighboring island groups. When Germany annexed these islands they were known by English names; they changed New Britain to Neu Pommern, and New Ireland to Neu Mecklenburg. Australia has dropped the German names and on all maps they should now appear by their earlier names, New Britain and New Ireland. Bismarck Archipelago is now known as New Britain Archipelago. These islands are very fertile, producing cocoanuts and other tropical products.

New Zealand Mandatory Territories

THE Samoa Islands consist of the Islands of Tutuila and Tau belonging to the United States and the former German islands of Savaii and Upolu. The latter islands are now under the mandate of New Zealand. The islands are very fertile, producing cocoanuts, cocoa, and rubber. Apia on Upolu has a very good harbor. The real importance of the islands lies in the fact that they are on the direct route between New Zealand and the Panama Canal and the United States, giving them considerable strategic value, a fact which was recognized by Germany.

Nauru Island, which lies just immediately south of the equator, is of very small size but has great economic importance. The mandate is held by the British Empire. Its area is only eight square miles. For countless ages it has been frequented by sea-birds and the leachings from the guano have impregnated the limestone, forming deposits many feet thick. Production has reached as high as 300,000 tons in a year. Estimates place the available deposits as high as 100,000,000 tons.

Japan in the Pacific

ALL the former German islands north of the equator are held under mandate by Japan. The Pelew, Caroline, Mariana (with the exception of Guam) and the Marshall Islands, are included under the mandate. The islands in these groups are mainly of coral formation and are of small size, exceeding 800 in number. The commercial value of the islands is small; copra is the largest article of export. Anguar, one of the Pelew Islands, has deposits of high grade phosphates. The islands have considerable strategic value and, though they cannot by the terms of the mandate be fortified or used as naval bases, the islands will prove of great importance for commercial wireless stations and aviation bases.

After the peace settlement the United States questioned the control exercised by Japan over Yap in the Caroline Islands. Yap, situated 500 miles east of the Philippines, is an important cable station for Trans-Pacific lines from Shanghai (China), Menado (Dutch East Indies) and Guam, linking up the United States with the Far East and East Indies. The importance of cables and radio communications has, especially since the war, assumed international importance; the recent controversy on cable control at Yap and other points has shown how vital the control of communications is to the welfare of nations.

By the acquisition of these islands the position of Japan as a Pacific power has been strengthened. The expansion of Japan in the Pacific is not relished by Australia and New Zealand. These nations have adopted the policy of making their countries an area for white settlement only. With the disappearance of Germany from the Pacific, the United States, China, Japan, and Britain with her colonies of Australia and New Zealand, are now the leading Pacific powers. France and the Netherlands have also possessions in the Pacific.

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Political Changes in Africa

AS a result of the Great War almost one-ninth of the area of Africa changed its political coloring. Before 1914 Germany, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, and Spain controlled 11,200,000 square miles of Africa out of a total area of 11,514,000 square miles. Liberia and Abyssinia, the only independent states in Africa, represented the remaining area.

The idea of colonial expansion was of slow growth in Germany and it was not until 1884 that her flag was hoisted over Togo and part of Kamerun. By 1914 her African possessions had increased to 1,037,700 square miles. Her lateness in entering the race for colonies prevented Germany from getting favorable areas for white settlement, though her colonies under proper development had great possibilities as sources of tropical raw materials which would make Germany less dependent on other nations. The industries of Germany had grown so rapidly that she also looked to her colonies for markets for her manufactured goods. When the war broke out Germany's colonial development had not progressed to any great extent.

GERMANY'S FORMER AFRICAN COLONIES

	Square Miles
Togo	33,700
Kamerun	298,000
German East Africa	384,000
German Southwest Africa	322,000
Total	1,037,700

Her colonies in Africa thus were more than four times the area of Germany proper, or one-third the area of the United States. By the Treaty of Versailles all these colonies passed to the Allied nations, and being unfitted for independence are held as mandates under the League of Nations.

The strategic position of the former German colonies is not without interest. German East Africa blocked the stretch of British controlled territory from north to south and thus hindered the construction of Cecil Rhodes' great scheme of the Cape to Cairo railroad. The Kamerun projected a tongue of territory southwest to the Kongo and Ubangi, thus breaking the continuity of French Equatorial Africa. To the north, also in Kamerun, a strip of territory extended to Lake Chad. In German Southwest

Africa a salient dug deep into British territory giving Germany access to the Zambezi. The aggressive attitude of Germany in Africa with her continually growing territory has been shown especially during the war, to be a well-laid plan to develop a "Mittel-Afrika" as well as a "Mittel-Europa." By the Treaty of Versailles, Togo and Kamerun were divided between Britain and France; German East Africa passed under British control, and German Southwest Africa fell to the Union of South Africa.

Togo

TOGO, the oldest German colony in Africa, and the only one self-supporting, was situated on the Gulf of Guinea between the British colony of Gold Coast and the French colony of Dahomey. In area (33,700 square miles) about the size of Indiana, it produced for commerce, palm oil, rubber, and copra. Railway development had made progress in the colony. By the Treaty the colony was divided unequally between Britain and France. Britain received the mandate for the western and smaller part adjacent to the Gold Coast and France received the larger eastern section adjacent to Dahomey. Lome, the former capital and chief port, is now in French territory.

Kamerun

THIS colony was occupied by Germany in 1884. The territory lies on the Gulf of Guinea between Nigeria and French Equatorial Africa. Its area (298,000 square miles) was considerably larger than Texas and almost five times all of New England. Kamerun is a tropical storehouse in its richest and most varied aspects. Development was very slow. Palm oil, rubber, and cocoa form the chief articles of commerce.

A thin strip of territory adjoining Nigeria was accepted under mandate by Britain, while France obtained the mandate for the remainder, about 265,000 square miles, with the port of Duala. This section alone is considerably larger than all of France. The area over which France gains control includes the territory France ceded to Germany in 1911 in compensation for settlement of the Morocco question. Before 1911, Kamerun was separated from the Kongo River by a wide stretch of territory. Germany's first demand for a settlement of the Morocco question demanded a common frontier with Belgian Kongo. The final compromise added to Kamerun a large area, over 100,000 square miles, which enabled Germany to put out two salients of territory which gave her an outlet on the Kongo River and

the Ubangi River. This cession divided French Equatorial Africa and rendered communication between the coast and interior difficult. This settlement was regarded as one more step in the German "Mittel-Afrika" plan.

The control of Kamerun by France thus makes French territory in West and North Africa continuous from the Mediterranean to the Kongo and from the Atlantic to the Egyptian border. A great opportunity is thus offered to France to develop unhampered the many schemes for linking up the Kongo with the proposed Trans-Sahara and other proposed West African railways.

Tanganyika

(Former German East Africa)

FORMER German East Africa, now called Tanganyika, situated between former British East Africa and Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa) was Germany's largest and most important colony. It is almost twice the size of Germany and over six times the area of New England. The colony was the most highly developed of Germany's African possessions. Because of the fertility of the soil, and varied climate corresponding to altitude, the products of this region are numerous and varied. Sisal, hemp and rubber are the chief products for export. The interior rises steplike to a plateau of average elevation of three to four thousand feet above which there are considerable areas of higher land offering areas for white settlement. The central location of the colony with its contact on the three great inland lakes of Victoria, Tanganyika, and Nyasa added greatly to its importance, supplemented by the railway connecting Dar-es-Salaam on the coast with Ujiji on Lake Tanganyika, making this port not only an outlet for the trade of the colony but also for a large part of Central Africa. Dar-es-Salaam (pop. 24,000) is the chief port and the capital. During the war German East Africa was conquered by the British after a severe campaign.

Because of its contiguity to British territory, its position, and economic needs, the mandate for this territory was given to Britain. In August 1920 this new protectorate was renamed the Tanganyika Territory. With this new cession Britain now controls a continuous strip of territory from Egypt and the Mediterranean on the north to Cape Town on the south, a distance of over 4,700 miles. The Cape to Cairo railroad, an imperial dream of Cecil Rhodes, the great empire builder of Africa, with his great idea partly realized in his lifetime, is now possible of complete realization.

Belgian Kongo

BECAUSE of Belgium's part in the war, Britain transferred part of the former German East Africa to Belgium. The region ceded to Belgian Kongo comprises the valuable area between Lakes Kivu and Victoria, the boundary being so adjusted that a narrow strip of territory to the west of Lake Victoria remains British. This passageway was left for the possible route of the projected Cape to Cairo railway. Belgium governs this addition under a mandate from the League of Nations.

Southwest Africa Protectorate

(Former German Southwest Africa)

BOUNDED on the east and south by British territory and on the north by Angola (Portuguese West Africa) Southwest Africa Protectorate, former German Southwest Africa, is more than twice the size of California. Of all Germany's African colonies it was the most suitable for white settlement and a possible outlet for Germany's excess population. The country, however, lies in an arid belt and no part of the region receives sufficient rainfall. In the northeast, where the rainfall averages about twenty inches, some agriculture is carried on with cotton and tobacco as the principal crops. Other sections of the country are suitable for cattle raising, sheep, and ostrich farming and like the rest of South Africa may become a future source for meat supplies for Europe.

A great deal of prospecting for minerals has been done in the colony. In 1911 diamonds were discovered in the desert region of the southwest; in 1913 diamonds to the value of $10,000,000 were exported. The copper mines at Otavi in the north are very productive. Other minerals have been found but little development has been attempted. Windhoek is the chief town.

The low, dune marked coast of the colony offers few good harbors. As Walfish Bay, the only good harbor, was a British possession the Germans attempted to make a harbor at Swakopmund. This harbor, however, has since been abandoned, as Walfish Bay is now available for the whole colony. During the war the colony was conquered by South African troops. By the treaty, the Union of South Africa was given the mandate for the territory and it has been incorporated into the Union under the name of the Protectorate of Southwest Africa.

Portuguese Gains

ALTHOUGH Portugal was one of the Allied Powers at war with Germany, her claims to additional territory were not considered as she has more territory in Africa now than she can efficiently control. A rectification of the northern boundary of Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa), however, was made. By the Treaty of Versailles the Peace Conference on September 23rd, 1919, allotted to Portugal "as the original and rightful owner" the small area south of the Rovuma River, known as the "Kionga Triangle" (formerly part of German East Africa). The area of this addition is inconsiderable and of no economic value.

The Treaty of London and Italian Colonies

WHEN Italy joined the Allies, promises of territory in Europe and "equitable compensations" in Africa, should German colonies come under British and French control, were made. The treaty specified boundary adjustments in Libia, French Somali Coast, Eritrea, and the neighboring colonies of Great Britain. After the war "conversations" were begun, and France has yielded to Italy a considerable territory in the Sahara which now becomes part of Libia, Italy's colony on the Mediterranean. Britain has also rearranged the western frontier of Egypt so as to add a large strip of territory on the eastern border of Libia. The territory added to Libia does not appear to be of any great economic value. From British East Africa, now called Kenia, Britain also ceded to Italian Somali Land a strip of territory on the west of the Juba River, which now gives Italy the sole control of the waters of this river.

Egypt

FROM 1882 to 1914 Egypt was "occupied" by Britain. When Turkey entered the war against the Allies, Britain declared in December, 1914, a protectorate over Egypt, thus finally ending all Turkish authority in Egypt. The war gave an impulse to the nationalist movement in Egypt. The British government is now considering plans whereby Egypt may enjoy a large measure of self government.

Kenia

(Former British East Africa)

IN the reorganization of her African possessions, Britain raised British East Africa from a protectorate to the status of a colony and changed its name to Kenia, after Mt. Kenia, one of the mountain peaks in the colony.

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The British Empire

As a result of the World War, Britain gained the largest amount of enemy territory. She gained no territory in Europe. In Africa and the Pacific she obtained control of part of the former German colonies and in Asia her gains were at the expense of Turkey. The added territories were not ceded outright but are controlled by mandates, responsible to the League of Nations. The Union of South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand control certain of these mandates.

In recent years, even before 1914, the self-governing colonies of Canada, South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand developed their own policies, as almost to become virtually independent nations. The war brought out the need for a better understanding on the future relations of the Empire to its dominions and colonies.

As a result of the cession of Kiaochow by Japan to China in 1922, Britain has returned Weihaiwei to the sovereignty of China.

After centuries of conflict and friction between Ireland and Great Britain, the relations of Ireland to the British Empire were amicably adjusted by a treaty signed at London, December 6, 1921. The treaty provides for the creation of the Irish Free State, as a dominion within the British Empire. Ulster is not included within the Free State, but she has the privilege of joining at a later date.

Canada, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and India with Great Britain signed the various peace treaties. These dominions are also members of the League of Nations. Nego-

tiations are now proceeding, which, while leaving to the dominions control of their own national affairs, will also give them a larger voice in the shaping of imperial policies. The old imperial idea of the British Empire seems likely to be soon discarded and in its place will arise a new political conception in the "British Commonwealth of Nations."

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The United States and the Peace Settlement

OUR country entered the war to protect its national honor and rights. We had no selfish ends to serve; we sought no territory, no indemnities. At the Peace Conference our country attempted to seek a settlement which would make for permanent peace amongst the nations. The question of a United States mandate over Armenia was proposed but our policy of no foreign entanglements prevented its acceptance.

In the Pacific the disappearance of Germany as a power has brought us into close territorial contact with the British Empire at Samoa where New Zealand holds the mandate for part of the group, while our country governs the remainder. The expansion of Japan in the Pacific with control of all the former German islands north of the equator has also brought us into very close relations with that power.

The growth of our country to a leading position amongst the world powers has made us vitally interested in the maintenance of our communications with the outside world, particularly in the Pacific where our principal possessions are. Strung across the Pacific we have the Hawaiian Islands, Samoa Islands, Guam, and the Philippines. The recent controversy over the control of Yap and the cables that center there was but part of our policy of securing for ourselves and the world unrestricted communication, a matter of great importance in the preservation of peace between the nations.

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Political Changes Outside the Scope of the Peace Settlement

Iceland

FROM 930 A. D. to 1264 A. D., Iceland was an independent republic. From 1264 until 1918 it was first under the domination of Norway, and later of Denmark. By an act of union 1918, with Denmark, Iceland has been acknowledged a sovereign state and united to Denmark only through the identity of the sovereign, who is King of Iceland as well as King of Denmark. The area of Iceland is 39,709 square miles with a population of 91,192. Reykjavik (pop. 15,328) is the capital. Of the total area six-sevenths is unproductive. Fishing is the most important industry.

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Republic of Central America

THE confederation of three of the republics of Central America—Guatemala, Honduras, and Salvador—was concluded as a result of a treaty signed on January 19th, 1921. Tegucigalpa is the new federal capital.

The constitution of the new confederation declares "that each state will preserve its autonomy and independence in the handling and direction of its domestic affairs, and likewise all the powers that are not vested in the federation by the Federal Constitution."

Costa Rica was also a party to the treaty but ratification has so far been refused by its congress. Nicaragua has been invited to join the confederation; she has expressed her willingness to join if she is allowed to retain certain treaty making powers.

Costa Rica and Nicaragua will most likely become members of the confederation within a short period.

The permanency of this new confederation is a matter of great doubt.

China

After the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty in 1911, China became a republic. The control of the central government at Peking has in the intervening years been challenged by South China. At the present time two governments are in power in China, that of North China at Peking and South China at Canton. The government at Peking is that recognized by the Great Powers.

Owing to the lack of a strong central government in China proper, the dependencies of Mongolia, Sinkiang, and Tibet are today practically independent. Outer Mongolia is controlled by the "People's Government of Mongolia."

Kiaochow. Because of the murder of some German missionaries in China in 1897 Germany seized Kiaochow, a territory on the northeast coast of China. In 1898 she obtained a lease of the area and in the same year the area was declared a protectorate of the German Empire.

At the outbreak of the war Japan captured Kiaochow from the Germans and occupied the territory. By the Treaty of Versailles Japan acquired all the former German rights and privileges in the territory of Kiaochow, also some arrangements relative to the province of Shantung. This arrangement was made over the protest of China, whose delegates consequently refused to sign the Treaty of Versailles. By her occupation of Shantung, Japan controlled one of the richest mineral areas in China, and occupied an area of great strategic importance. The Shantung question became such an issue that Japan promised to return the territory to China, without, however, fixing a date.

At the recent Disarmament Conference in Washington, November, 1921-February, 1922, the question of the territorial integrity of China formed one of the most important points of discussion. As a result of an agreement Japan agreed to renounce the cession of Kiaochow, with special arrangements regarding properties in Shantung. The territory of Kiaochow

now reverts to China. Japan will, however, retain the customs house at Tsingtao (Kiaochow).

The area of Kiaochow is 200 square miles, with a population of 227,000.

Weihaiwei. When Russia and Germany began to dominate Northern China, Britain obtained a lease in 1898 from China of the territory of Weihaiwei in the Shantung Peninsula. The recent cession of Kiaochow by Japan to China, and the elimination of Russia and Germany as factors in this region has rendered the retention of Weihaiwei by Britain no longer necessary. At the recent Disarmament Conference in Washington. Britain announced its decision to return Weihaiwei to the sovereignty of China, similar in terms to the cession of Kiaochow by Japan. The area of Weihaiwei is 285 square miles, with a population of 147,000.

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Development of World Empires 1914-1922

	Area in Square Miles	
	1914	1922
United States	3,689,385	3,689,514
British Empire	12,780,380	†13,760,000
France	3,774,000	†4,186,000
Russian Empire	8,764,000	*7,579,000
Japanese Empire	260,738	261,498
Italy	695,000	860,000
Germany	1,332,000	**175,709

†Including mandates.

*Now a Federated Soviet Republic.

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